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# Bid to stop casino law denied

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie delatorre@saipantribune.com

uperior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman denied yesterday attorney Ramon K. Quichocho's bid to stop Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the CNMI government from implementing the casino law while his lawsuit remains

In a two-page order, Wiseman said a more detailed decision would be forthcoming.

Wiseman said he would also express in his forthcoming ruling the court's concern with the valid issues raised by Quichocho regarding the "questionable authority" of the Lottery Commission being exercised in view of Public Laws

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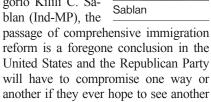
# Kilili: Comprehensive immigration reform

will pass

By MARK RABAGO mark rabago@saipantri-ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sa-

GOP presidency.



"It's not a question of if it's going to happen; it's a question of when. If Speaker [John] Boehner were to put S. 744 on the floor right now it will pass. Comprehensive immigration reform changes the immigration laws of the U.S. and that

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#### TWO APPLICANTS STILL BEING EVALUATED

#### Law does not require Saipan casino decision by June 19

» Bill to repeal 2 casino laws, ratify Lottery **Commission's 'good faith** 

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Despite government statements about a June 19 deadline to decide whether or not to grant an exclusive Saipan casino license and to whom, a closer look at the latest casino law actually gives action' prefiled the options of a 90-day timeframe ending between late June and early July "or" when the investigations into the applicants "have been completed." While this could push back decisions, so do lawsuits against the casino law.

Meanwhile, House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) prefiled yesterday a bill that "repeals" and "reenacts" Public Law 18-38 as

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#### **70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLES OF SAIPAN AND TINIAN**

# WWII vets remembered in Tinian ceremony



The flags seem to know the presence of a veteran who fought on Tinian as they all "salute" retired Lt. Colonel Raymond Russell Kelly as he is delivering his closing remarks at Tinian's North Field yesterday as part of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Battles

By JAYSON CAMACHO

TINIAN—A reunion of World War II veterans in commemoration of the 70th

Anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian was held yesterday on Tinian, the scene of bloody battles that not only cost countless lives but also left a deep scar in happened during the Pacific War. the annals of world history.

Tinian mayor's chief of staff and CNMI historian Don Farrell said that this is a time for everyone to remember what

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#### Jorgensen given until July 7 to comply with order

U.S. District Court for the NMI until last Tuesday, June 10, to designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has granted the request of Betty Johnson's original counsel, Bruce Jorgensen, for an extension of time to file his declaration in support of his motion for approval of a settlement agreement with the CNMI government for his attorney's fees and costs.

Tydingco-Gatewood gave Jorgensen until July 7, 2014, to comply with her May 30, 2014, order by submitting the declaration.

The judge said any objection to Jorgensen's submissions should be filed by July 21, 2014.

Jorgensen's rebuttal to any such objections shall be filed no later than July 28, 2014, Tydingco-Gatewood said.

In her May 30 order, Tydingco-Gatewood gave Jorgensen file and serve one or more declarations containing all direct testimony that supports his motion for approval of the settlement reached with the CNMI government.

Jorgensen initially asked for at least \$18.6 million, but he settled with the CNMI government for \$800,000. Tydingco-Gatewood, however, placed the matter under advisement.

In his request for an extension, Jorgensen claimed that at present he has no office, has extremely limited access to Internet and email services, and has no access to necessary files and documentary materials.

Jorgensen also disclosed that his counsel, Mitchell F. Thompson, had gone on vacation to Mongolia from June 2 to 15, 2014. (Ferdie de la Torre)







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amended by P.L. 18-43, in its entirety, to "ratify good faith actions taken by the Lottery Commission."

Public Law 18-43, signed on

April 1, states that the Lottery Commission must act to deny or approve applications "within 90 days after this Act is signed into law or when the requirements of Section 208 have been completed."

That 90-day period ends between late June and early July, and not June 19.

Section 208, meanwhile, covers the investigations of the applicants; in this case, Best Sunshine International Ltd. and Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc.

Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar and counsel Jim Stump confirmed that as of yes-

terday, both applicants are still in the running for a license to exclusively develop a minimum \$2-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

The commission met yesterday to receive updates from their two consultants on the ongoing investigations into the

They will meet again on June

two applicants.

19 for a continuation of those updates.

Igisomar said they are not likely to decide on June 19 whether a license will be granted or not.

For one, the two commission consultants issued requests for information to both Marianas Stars and Best Sunshine concerning their owners, managers, affiliations, among other things, as part of the investigations.

However, Igisomar said the commission would like to decide at the earliest date possible so that the CNMI can move forward.

Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), in a nine-page letter to the Lottery Commission, pointed out that there is no legal requirement for them to "rush" the approval or disapproval of the casino license applications because "you can wait for the investigation to be completed, no matter how long it takes, and then the commission may deny or approve the applications."

"Ultimately, doing the investigation once and doing it right will result in a quicker license issuance because it will avoid unnecessary litigation." Manglona told the commission.

He said his letter is meant to

not further delay the release of the 25 percent pension to retirees, but to help ensure the application process does not hit more snags.

"Conduct the investigation thoroughly because you and the Casino Commission share the responsibilities under the law, and the decision that you make will be momentous for the CNMI. Why not do this process once and do it right instead of having to constantly amend laws and decisions because we are in such a rush? Why put the future of our retirees and our credibility in the international business arena at risk?" Manglona told the four-member Lottery Commission.

Igisomar said he has seen Manglona's letter but declined to comment on it except to say that the commission knows its priorities.

After citing eight areas of concern pointing to the Lottery Commission "acting beyond its powers and contrary to law," Manglona asked the Lottery Commission to wait for the Casino Commission nominees to be investigated and confirmed by legislative delegations.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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18-38 and 18-43.

Inos signed House Bill 18-179 (the Saipan casino bill) into law and it became Public Law 18-38. The governor later signed House Bill 18-182 (amending the casino law), which became Public Law 18-43.

Wiseman heard Quichocho's motion for a preliminary injunction against Inos and the CNMI government on May 30, 2014. Quichocho appeared for himself. Assistant attorney general

David Lochabay appeared for the CNMI government and for Inos in his official capacity. Assistant attorneys general Reena Patel and Teresita Sablan represented the governor in his personal capacity and for the Lottery Commission respectively.

In his order, Wiseman said that after weighing the factors and reasons that must be presented for consideration to grant a preliminary injunction, the court "finds those factors unsatisfied."

Quichocho filed the lawsuit for himself and on behalf of the CNMI taxpayers, challenging the constitutionality of the casino law.

He is suing Inos, the CNMI government, and the Lottery Commission for alleged violation of the NMI Constitution, illegal expenditure of public funds, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of trust.

Quichocho wants the court to declare the casino law and any expenditure of public funds under that law as unconstitutional and unlawful.

Quichocho argued, among other things, that the Commonwealth Casino Commission and not the Lottery Commission has the authority to expend the \$2 million non-refundable application fees. He alleged that the Lottery

Commission's use of the application fees to hire casino investigators violates the statute.

In the defendants' opposition, Patel said Quichocho has not met his burden for a preliminary injunction based on the evidence submitted.

Patel asserted that the government needs new revenue to pay land compensation judgments, provide essential public services, and to meet its obligation to retirees.

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change will be progressive and liberal. ... If comprehensive immigration reform should come to the floor right now it will pass, go to the President, and he will sign it," he told reporters last week at his office in Susupe.

Sablan said this is a foregone conclusion if the Republicans want to take the White House.

"Republicans can kiss the White House goodbye for the next 16 years. Don't forget, everyday 2,000 Latinos are turning 18—just Latinos alone—and with comprehensive immigration reform it involves Asians, Europeans, and other people."

Legalizing about 12 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally has united every spectrum of the country's society.

"Comprehensive immigration reform has brought together law enforcement, the business community, evangelicals, even [conservative talk show host] Bill O'Reilly supports comprehensive immigration reform. The GOP establishment supports comprehensive immigration reform, the American Chamber of Commerce completely, labor, the faith community—from Muslims, to Roman Catholics, to all kinds of Christians—support comprehensive immigration reform. It is just a handful of Republicans from these red districts that couldn't care less what happens," said Sablan.

#### **CNMI language**

The CNMI delegate also clarified that even if comprehensive immigration reform is to pass, no one is going to get anything automatic. This also applies to the CNMI's legal long-term nonresident workers.

"You have to apply and if there's any reason there for you to be ineligible, you won't get it. The Marianas language will be a very conservative piece of that legislation. But those who

disagree with me have their facts flipped and say something entirely different from what the Marianas language does. They have to read the entire bill. The Marianas language has taken this huge program, this huge open door, and reduced it to something that fits this small community. Supposedly, say, we have 11,000 third-country nationals here, under the Marianas language much less will become eligible for that. This is a policy matter and not a political matter."

Sablan also hit back at critics who oppose the CW program, which Labor Secretary Thomas Perez extended for another five years earlier this month.

"Where do you train a physician and engineer for three years? Will you go and see a doctor that has been trained for only three years? It's obvious when they make these kinds of statements, they have absolutely no idea what they're talking about. It just serves political purposes. This is not a political issue; this is a matter of policy that is good for the Northern Marianas and is good for the nation."

#### 'No time soon'

Former Rota teacher and activist Wendy Doromal, who is now based in Florida, said that Sablan may be correct that comprehensive immigration reform will pass if put to a House vote now.

"I talked to a Senate staffer Thursday. I asked if there was hope for the workers to get permanent residency and he said no time soon. Delegate Sablan may be correct that an immigration bill would pass if it were put on the floor, but the Republican leadership is not about to let that happen. They are obstructionists. As far as his remark that they won't take back the White House if they do not support immigration reform, that may or may not be the deciding factor in the next election."

She said the only hope right

now for CNMI nonresident workers would be for Sablan or another member of Congress to push a standalone legislation to grant the CNMI legal, long-term (five or more years) nonresident workers permanent residency status.

"That should have been the action taken, rather than pushing the five-year extension. Congress never acted on the recommendations of the 2010 Department of the Interior report that was mandated under the [Consolidated Natural Resources Act]. CNMI leaders pushed for a five-year extension of a flawed program instead of long-deserved freedom and untethered status for the CNMI nonresidents and a secure and stable workforce," said Doromal.

"Over and over we have seen CNMI-only bills pass. Even Congressman Miller, a huge supporter of raising the federal minimum wage, made a floor speech in favor of delaying the CNMI minimum wage increase. If asked, I am certain he would do the same for a standalone CNMI-only bill to grant permanent residency status to the CNMI's legal, long-term nonresidents. The CNRA could be amended to include a status provision. Bills have already been introduced that would extend exemptions for amnesty and nonresident investors. Every major national poll shows that the majority of Americans support a pathway to citizenship for undocumented aliens. What more for legal, long-term aliens! A standalone bill is the way to go," she added.

#### Old problem with easy fix

Kelvin Rodeo, an alumnus of Marianas High School who runs a social media page dedicated to helping nonresidents get improved status, said all of these long-term nonresident workers in the CNMI absolutely deserve improved status.

"I find myself in disbelief whenever someone disagrees

with that, considering the history of these foreign workers on our islands and their countless contributions to our community. If one reads the text of Public Law 03-66 (alien worker program), one can clearly see that the language used in that law set up what would become a system of indentured servitude, the very system that we have today. From the very beginning, it was clear to see that the people who drafted that law wanted to set up an exploitable voiceless working class, with a section stating that none of the time they spend in the CNMI will count toward any form of permanent residency or citizenship."

Rodeo said that improved status for long-term nonresident workers in the CNMI should've been dealt with years ago.

"These people could have had their situation taken cared of way back in the 1990s, but our government and the businesses enjoying the fruits of the exploited laborers prevented that from happening. Instead of doing the right thing, our very own elected officials took it upon themselves to work toward prolonging such an evil system."

Rodeo is disappointed in the recent decision to extend the CW program by another five

"The simple truth is, the quickest and most efficient solution for this so-called problem (which could have been avoided a long time ago if we had been doing the right thing all along) would be for the government of the CNMI to take on an official stance of advocating for U.S. permanent residency and a pathway to citizenship for all of our long-term nonresident workers currently in the CNMI. Turn all of our long-term nonresident workers into U.S. permanent residents with a pathway to U.S. citizenship, and our little local hiring problem will be taken care of. But, the sad truth is, our elected officials will never do that."

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"We never had this situation and ruin all of our lives. These were perfectly peaceful people here, the Okinawans, the Koreans, and the Japanese who came here before the war for business development during the Great Depression," Farrell said.

He noted that during that particular time in history, the Northern Marianas had a thriving community before it was suddenly ruined by war.

According to Farrell, the memorial was held at North Field on Tinian because of the presence of retired Lt. Colonel Raymond Russell Kelly, who was with the 482<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 505<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, and 313<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing at North Field on the island during World War II.

"They chose this building (Air Operations Building) to pick up their final orders before they flew anywhere so we chose this site rather than in front of the Japanese headquarters because this, of course, depicts the B-29 operations," Farrell said.

Tinian Mayor Ray Dela Cruz said that many of "our parents" were born in the Northern Marianas and became Japanese nationals.

"Seventy years later, most of our parents are gone and we are here to celebrate peace from the most destructive war," Dela Cruz said.

Commander Joint Region Marianas Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne said the remnants of the struggle are still visible today. All over the CNMI, there are still buried ordnance, historical buildings, and monuments that

lie all around.

"Tinian holds an important place in our past, it also holds an important place in our present. and in our future," Payne said.

According to Payne, when U.S. forces arrived on Tinian 70 years ago, Americans were already on the ground on Saipan and Guam and they were already preparing for what would be the end of World War II.

Kelly received a standing ovation from representatives of the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps., U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, government officials, agencies, organizations, and community members during his closing remarks.

Kelly said that it was an honor to be at the memorial on Tinian.

"Coming over the airplane, the crew never told anyone. When I was onboard and they found out someway, they made an announcement and they all got up and clapped for me and said 'hello,' 'congratulations,' and 'thank you for what you did for our country," Kelly said.

Kelly is accompanied on his trip by his daughter, two sons, and one of his son's wife.

Kelly did over 35 missions to Japan during the war.

Vicente Camacho, 70th Anniversary Battle for Saipan and Tinian chairman, said that they have had the events since the 50th and 60th celebrations and that the 70th might be the last one.

"However, we may perhaps think about doing a small commemoration once every five years but it might be in the planning," Camacho said.

Camacho said that Kelly's trip is the reason why they are holding the ceremony and four others on Saipan on Sunday, June 15.

# Man accused of swallowing 'ice' gets 81-day sentence

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A man accused of selling items stolen from a house in Kagman III has pleaded guilty in Superior Court and was slapped with an 81-day prison sentence.

John A. Castro, 42, pleaded guilty last week to receiving stolen property as part of a plea deal.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Castro to five years in prison, all suspended except for 81 days, with credit for 81 days of time served. This means Castro immediately goes free.

Wiseman placed Castro on supervised probation for five years and required him to pay a \$100 fine plus probation fee.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Castro. Assistant attorney general James McAllister represented the government.

According to police, Castro received three stolen purses from Vincent Terlaje on Feb. 25, 2014, on Saipan.

Police said that when a detective interviewed Castro at his house, he swallowed a zip-loc bag that contained a substance believed to be methamphetamine or "ice" that a detective had placed on a table.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that when she asked why he swallowed the "ice" evidence. Castro replied that it's the only way not to get charged for "ice."

The amount of "ice" involved was not indicated in the report.

Pangelinan said Castro, however, did not eat a green leafy substance that tested positive for marijuana that was also seized from him.

Police arrested Castro in Kagman III in March for receiving stolen property and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Pangelinan stated in her re-

port that a police officer was dispatched last Feb. 24 to a burglary and theft incident at a house in Kagman III, where the suspect or suspects stole gold jewelry, a wristwatch and three purses, worth a total of \$850.

Pangelinan said the following day, Feb. 25, the victim called police to report that her close friend managed to buy her two stolen purses from the suspect, later identified as Castro, who is a regular customer at Kagman Poker.

Castro allegedly approached the victim's friend and offered to

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sell her two purses. The victim's friend paid Castro \$30 for the purses. The friend then told the victim about the purchase and led Pangelinan to the poker booth, where they reviewed the camera's footage. (Ferdie de la Torre)



# Mendiola tests positive for 'ice' use while on pre-trial release

Commonwealth Ports Authority police Sgt. Floyd Mafnas Mendiola tested positive for use of methamphetamine or "ice" last weekend while on pre-trial release in his drug case pending in federal court.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola told the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday that when confronted about the drug test results, Mendiola admitted that he used "ice" on June 4. Mendiola also reportedly admitted to consuming alcohol that same day.

Arriola disclosed that the random drug test was done on

Saturday.

Arriola said Mendiola reported to the U.S. Probation Office last Monday in which he apologized for his actions and requested to be allowed to participate in a substance abuse treatment program.

Mendiola also agreed to have his release conditions be modified to include a "noalcohol" condition.

Arriola said Mendiola and his lawyer, Joseph Horey, agreed to modify the bail conditions.

Federal agents arrested Mendiola on May 27 after an indictment was filed charging him with con-

spiracy to distribute "ice" from Feb. 27 to March 2, 2013. The court then released him to a third-party custodian. (Ferdie de la Torre)





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# Bridge Investment justifies lease agreement with CPA

By MONETH G. DEPOSA REPORTER

Bridge Investment Group LLC—the company that plans to build a \$130 million-plus multimillion resort on Tinian—denies what it describes as a wrong perception of some people that it got a "sweetheart deal" from the government.

BIG executive director Phillip Mendiola-Long said yesterday that what the company and the Commonwealth Ports Authority reached on the Tinian harbor lease is a "fair deal" that would greatly benefit the ports agency in the long term.

It was in March this year when CPA board approved a conditional agreement with 439,200 square feet on Tinian for .30 cents per square foot.

As part of the agreement, BIG is required to develop a number of things for the ports authority. One of that is replacing the agency's dilapidated warehouses in the harbor.

"Part of the conditions to our

lease with CPA require Bridge Investment Group to fund, design, and build two new stevedore warehouses. These new warehouses will replace the currently dilapidated structures that are falling apart at the Tinian Port. New warehouses, I might add, that are financed, designed and built at Bridge Investment Group's cost and will generate increased revenue for CPA and

BIG. The company leased increase the asset bottom line of CPA in their financial statements," stated Mendiola-Long in an email.

> >> Estimated lease value of Tinian port property at \$7.3M in 15 years » CEO says signed agreement not a 'sweetheart deal'

He estimates the cost of these two warehouses alone at over \$375,000—at no cost to CPA.

He disclosed that BIG is also required to build a new Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Office building, which also houses the port incinerator and CPA Port offices.

Additionally, it is required to reconstruct a Brown Tree Snake Containment Area for CPA. Mendiola-Long revealed that this building, containment area, and the new incinerator is estimated to cost BIG another \$275,000 in development cost.

According to Mendiola-Long, with the inclusion of all these, the total base payment for the lease with CPA is \$781,760—not the \$131,760 that was earlier reported. This would put the base price per square foot at \$1.78 per square meter, not 2 cents, he said.

"Emphasis should also be placed on the fact that the \$1.78 per square foot is only the base lease rate for the property and must be paid in full (in cash and construction assets) prior to any project construction," according to him.

It should also be noted, he said, that BIG will be unable to build its project or even clear the property until the cash payment is made to CPA and new \$650,000 in assets for CPA are constructed.

"This provides CPA a guaranteed payment upfront in cash and a guaranteed construction of much needed CPA assets on Tinian before we even begin construction," he added.

CPA also requires the company to guarantee an additional lease payment in the form of a 1 percent surcharge on business gross revenue after the property is operational.

"Conservatively, after operations, this translates into an additional \$30,000 to \$40,000 per month lease fee that CPA will be receiving, which brings the total estimated lease value of the Tinian port property of \$7,278,160.00 or \$16.57 per square foot for a 15-year lease," added Mendiola-Long.

Based on these information and conservative estimates on the 1 percent gross revenue fees that CPA will be receiving, "we feel that the value of the property on Tinian at approximately \$16 per square foot is valued square foot per year)."

#### Irresponsible

Mendiola-Long said those who have questions about the project or want to educate themselves on the positive impacts of the BIG project need only contact CPA or his office.

"It seems irresponsible for members of the Legislature or others to make accusations or comments that are either not well researched or blatantly and maliciously false. We again encourage those with questions to work with us in developing the entire CNMI instead of seeking to destroy investor confidence on one particular island over another. A simple phone call could've avoided a lot of misunderstanding and/or corrected and contradicted ill advice advocated by others with ulterior motives," he said.

BIG, he said, is committed to the development of an interisland ferry service and committed to developing CPA's Tinian Port to the benefit of all residents of the CNMI.

BIG's "Tinian Ocean View Resort" will be Asia's first Titanic-themed hotel and resort. Construction is eyed in December this year on Tinian. The proposed 300 hotel rooms will include a presidential suite, 15 suites, and 58 executive suites. The facility will also include a casino and banquet room, properly (roughly \$1.10 per among other amenities.

#### 'Koblerville Jr. High School will depend on the administration'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER'

A few years after a plan to build a Koblerville Junior High School was approved, hopes remain dim that this will be realized in the near future following disclosure that funding has yet to be committed for the project.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan told Saipan Tribune that both the Public School System and the Board of Education are still in "waitand-see mode" as to the plans of the Inos administration.

"I really don't know the plan of the central government [for this project]. It is the government that has to make available the needed funds to build the Koblerville Junior High School," said Sablan.

She said that no funds have been identified and committed up to this time.

She estimates that construction of the facility, including collateral equipment and other fixtures, will cost around \$15 million. And because PSS is a non-revenue generating agency, it has no capability to obligate such funding requirement.

"Are we still pushing through with this project? Well, it all depends on the central government," Sablan pointed out.

Beginning this new school year, PSS will reconfigure and transform three elementary schools into middle school campuses in an aim to eliminate overcrowding in many schools.

When the Koblerville Junior High project was approved, it was disclosed that the campus will be patterned after the Chacha Oceanview Middle School design-which can accommodate 600 to 700 students.

During the Fitial administration, a land was identified for the new middle school. However, this land, Sablan said, remains owned by private individuals.

Whether the government plans to acquire it for PSS or have it exchanged for other public lands remains unknown at this time.

When the project was unveiled in 2010, PSS wanted to build 10 buildings: four classroom buildings with 27 classrooms, a cafeteria, a library, a vocational building, a horticulture building, a music building, and a water storage tank. The entire facility is estimated to house up to 700 students.

In 2011, the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., using block grants, provided \$1.1 million to acquire the standing "lease" on the property, the location of which is an ideal site to build a junior high school.



#### **Mount Carmel School to host Kids Drama Camp**

Mount Carmel School president and Theatre Club adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero announced yesterday the holding of the club's Kids Drama Camp beginning this month.

Open to children ages 6 through 12, the session will run from June 23 to August 1. The camp aims to help participants appreciate the performing arts by studying concepts and skills in theater that they will then apply toward a production of abridged versions of the following plays by William Shakespeare: Hamlet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and The Tempest. Each production will also incorporate famous Disney songs into their performances.

Since its inception in 1996, the school's Theatre Club has staged 34 productions, including 11 by Shakespeare and four by Disney. The club's most recent production was Disney's The Little Mermaid, which ran on May 9 and 10. To draw on this experience, current and veteran members of the club have been tapped to run the camp as camp leaders and camp counselors. The club will also draw from vast theatrical resources it has accumulated over the years for use in the drama camp.

"We've been wanting to run a camp like this for years now. Our Theatre Club has staged numerous Shakespeare and Disney productions, so this camp both traditions with kids from around the island. It'll be fun!" said Deleon Guerrero.

Set to run each weekday from 8am to 4pm at the school, the Kids Drama Camp will help children learn many aspects of the performing arts, including how to perform on stage, how to run the back stage, and how to prepare for a production. Camp participants will also learn and enjoy numerous theater games and activities that will help them overcome stage fright, grow closer together as an acting troupe, and become young budding dramatists. The camp will culminate with a free

school's historic stage. The camp is free for all par-

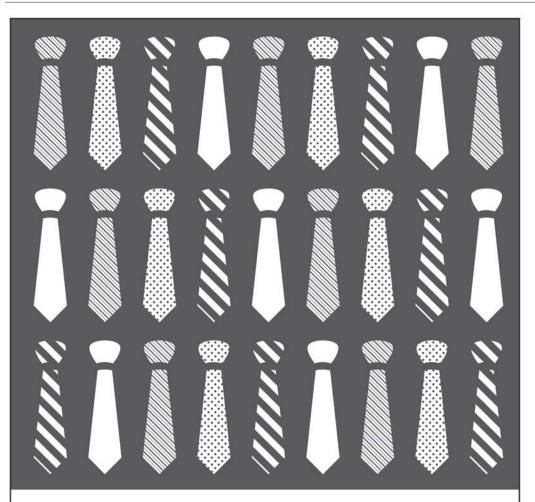
ticipants, but limited to 40 children, so interested parents are encouraged to reserve slots for their children as soon as possible. To register or for more information, call 234-6184 or

public show on Aug. 1 at the visit www.mountcarmelsaipan. com. The deadline to register is Thursday, June 19.

> The Kids Drama Camp is made possible by a grant from the CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Child Care and Development Fund Program. (Moneth G. Deposa)







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# NMC, Framingham State University launch 12th cohort Master's in Education with the emphasis in International Education

Framingham State University and Northern Marianas College have joined forces again to train a new cohort of students who will be working toward their master's degree in education with the emphasis in International Education.

The graduate program, which culminates in a degree conferred by the Framingham State University, presents a unique opportunity for students living and working in the CNMI to advance both academically and professionally.

Many of the graduates of the cohort program are now employed by the CNMI Public School System as teachers, principals, and administrators.

The classes for the program are scheduled in a way that recognizes that many of the students hold full-time jobs and are balancing many obligations. As such, the courses are provided in a condensed but convenient format supported by prior readings, and culminate in a final project. The instructional content of the classes are delivered through both online formats as well an in-class sessions, which are led by Framingham professors who travel to the CNMI to meet personally with the cohort participants.

Since the start of the collaborative effort between the college and Framingham State University, 250 individuals—employed by the CNMI Public School System, Northern Marianas College, private schools, and other organizations—have completed the program.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

Individuals interested in joining the next cohort may contact Floyd Masga at the Northern Marianas College Community Development Institute at 234-5498 Ext. 6808/6802 or email floyd. masga@marianas.edu. (NMC)



#### June 13, 2006

#### **Parties OK end to receivership**

The parties involved in the Bank of Saipan receivership have agreed that the bank is now financially sound and therefore the four-year-old receivership proceedings should be terminated. Bank of Saipan Inc., BOS receiver Antonio S. Muna, and acting Department of Commerce Secretary and CNMI Director of Banking James Santos, through their respective counsels, signed a stipulation for the termination and dismissal of the receivership. In the stipulation filed in Superior Court Thursday, the parties stated that BOS "is in sound financial condition and depositors in the bank are in no danger of being defrauded."

#### Camacho: Military relocation will benefit NMI, Micronesia

Guam's impending economic prosperity, with the infusion of some \$15 billion that comes with the relocation of 8,000 U.S. Marines and their families within two years, will certainly benefit the Northern Marianas and the rest of Micronesia, said Guam Gov. Felix Camacho. Camacho, who was on Saipan last Friday for a fundraising event in relation to his November 2006 re-election bid, said in an interview that the military relocation from Okinawa would mean the entry of 18,000 to 20,000 people including the personnel's families and support group. This mass movement translates to some \$10.3 billion in direct investments in infrastructure between now and 2014. On top of this, \$5 billion is also set aside for the development and construction of both U.S. Air Force and Navy facilities in Guam, he said.

#### June 13, 2007

#### PTI begins its over \$4M cable upgrade

Pacific Telecom Inc. has begun initial work on its over \$4 million upgrade of its undersea fiber optic cable. NTT World Engineering Marine, which was selected to implement the project, has deployed the cable repair vessel C/S Vega to the CNMI for the project. The vessel docked on Saipan earlier this week and left for sea for the necessary preliminary work. The upgrade will officially start on Friday, June 15, and will last for about 10 days or up to June 24. NTT World Engineering Marine is a Japanese company.

#### Land compensation list gets one more entry

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday signed a bill including a Kagman landowner on the priority list for land compensation payment. House Bill 15-237, now Public Law 15-66, puts Francisco S. Deleon Guerrero on the list of landowners to be compensated for properties taken from them by the government. Deleon Guerrero owns four lots comprising a total of 2,510 square meters in Kagman. The lots were the site of an old Japanese Shinto shrine, also called "Hachiman Jinja." In 1992, the CNMI government certified that his lots were sites of "historical significance" and must be preserved and protected for future public facilities.

#### June 13, 2008

#### **CUC overhaul costs: \$11M**

The cost of rehabilitating the engines at power plants in Lower Base is now reaching over \$11 million, including the \$6.7 million spent in 2001 and 2002. On top of the \$11 million, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is also obligated to pay a \$5.1 million contract with current contractor, DCM Inc. CUC executive director Antonio Muna said that, of the \$6.5 million the Office of Insular Affairs recently gave the CNMI for engine rehabilitation, CUC already spent \$4,709,108. "Essentially we only have \$1.2 million left of the initial \$6.5 million," Muna told the media. Under the current rehabilitation effort, CUC was targeting seven power engines, but most of the money spent was enough for only two engines.

#### Job security assured for Middle East-bound cops

Department of Public Safety commissioner Claudio K. Norita has assured the job security of 32 DPS personnel who have been called up for deployment next month to the Middle East. In his directive to DPS division commanders and supervisors, Norita said the job, rank, salary, and department assignment of the troop members are secured and will be waiting for them when they return. The commissioner asked the commanders and supervisors to extend full cooperation and assistance to the troops who will be deployed by July 15.

# Cabrera, Santos are Chacha Oceanview's top graduates

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Mannelyn Aida Cabrera and Frances Rosemarie Santos were named as this year's most outstanding students of Chacha Oceanview Middle School, receiving the prestigious Board of Education and Commissioner of Education awards during the school's promotion ceremony yesterday.

Cabrera was named class valedictorian for school 2014. She is the daughter of Jeanette and Manuel Cabrera. Santos, meantime, was bestowed the salutatorian honors. She is the daughter of Dorothy and Jess Santos.

The two described their middle school days as hard years of learning that they would have never successfully finished without the people who taught them and guide them throughout their lives. They especially recognized their parents, family members, and mentors who have all been instrumental in their education.

In their joint address, the two said: "As we leave this campus and move on to the next chapter in our lives, we will carry with us not only the book of knowledge, but also the life lessons you've taught us."

Chacha Oceanview Middle School promoted 159 eighth graders to high school with the theme "Deeply rooted in

All promoted students are expected to continue their secondary schooling at nearby Kagman High School.

Two other students were bestowed the Principal's Leadership Award: Edson Valdisimo and Frances Brianna Rago.

Five other graduates complete the list of this year's awardees. They included Trinity Mae Camacho, who was hailed best in Algebra, science, and language arts; Elyshia Jayleen Pangelinan, who was selected best in Leadership Corps; Keimiella Rechelle Babauta, best in Social Studies; and Zavannah Mertilde Aldan, best in Chamorro Language & Heritage Studies. Salutatorian Frances Santos was also awarded best in computer application.

According to BOE member Marylou Ada, who delivered the congratulatory remarks on behalf of the board, this year's promotion ceremony is historic as the 150 promotees are the first batch of students to graduate from the Chacha Oceanview Middle School. It was only this school year when the school was reconfigured into a middle school after operating for many years as a junior high school.

PSS associate commissioner Glenn Muña encouraged the graduates to honor their parents whom he described as the "sunlight, water, and nutrients"



Subject area awardees Trinity Mae Camacho, Elyshia Jayleen Pangelinan, Keimiella Rechelle Babauta, Zavannah Mertilde Aldan, and Frances Rosemarie Santos.



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Leadership awardees Edson Valdisimo and Frances Brianna Rago.



**MANNELYN AIDA CABRERA** 

Board of Education Award Valedictorian

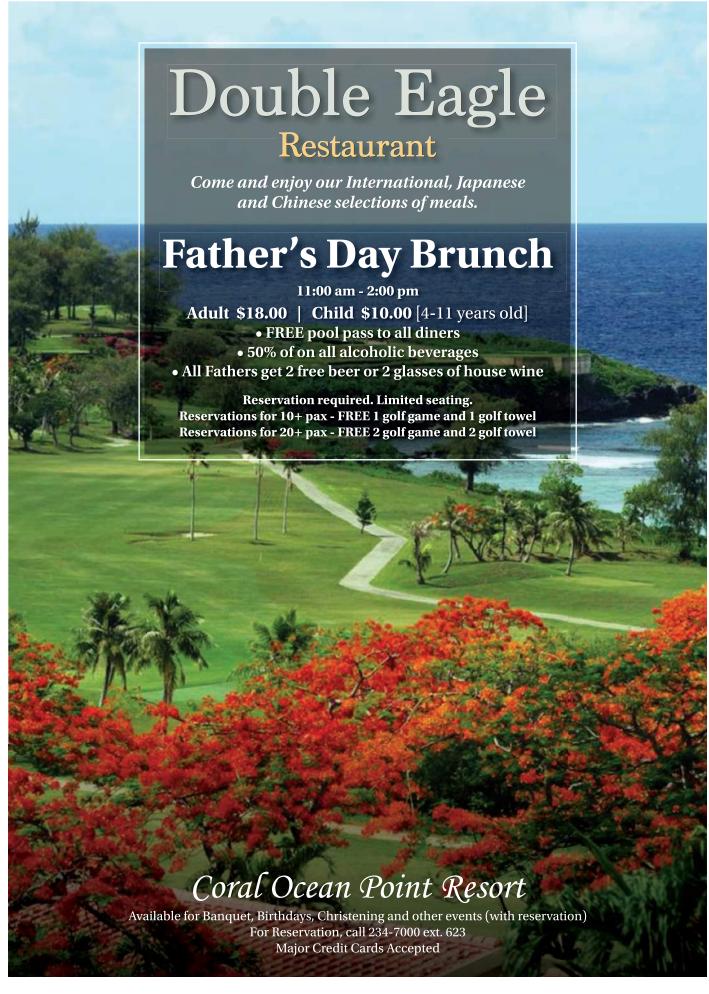


FRANCES ROSEMARIE **SANTOS** Commissioner's Award

Salutatorian

of "special trees"—their chil-

According to Chacha principal Vince Dela Cruz, this year will also be the last that the school will accommodate middle schoolers from Tanapag as a result of the opening of the new Tanapag Middle School in September. About 60 to 70 students from the village, he said, will be accommodated in the new campus.



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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### Brazilians' mixed feelings on World Cup need to be put aside now

he FIFA World Cup begins Thursday in Brazil, with the country, perhaps the most devoted in the world to the sport, in some turmoil.

The basic problem is that many Brazilians, in spite of not only their love for soccer but also their considerable skill at it, are seriously divided among themselves on whether their

government should be spending the money that it is—an es-

timated \$11 billion—on hosting the World Cup, and then the Summer Olympics two years from now, instead of on meeting more of the basic needs of the people of the country.

Their ambiguity on that subject is being reflected not only in substantial grumbling but also in sometimes violent demonstrations in the streets of its major cities and strikes of workers in basic infrastructure that risk making the streets of the host country uncomfortable for the thousands of international visitors and Brazilians who will attend the matches.

No one would argue that Brazil, with its infamous slums, host to violence both by their inhabitants and by Brazilian security forces seeking to control them, doesn't have problems. It is also true that at least some of these problems could be solved by money devoted to them, to education, health care, housing, infrastructure and increased, more humane security measures.

At the same time, it has showed respectable economic growth for years now, and its two most recent presidents, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Dilma Rousseff, currently in office, have both showed sensitivity to the needs of the country's poor.

What is needed now, as the visitors arrive and the games begin, is for the Brazilians, like a husband and wife who have had a scrap but who are awaiting invited guests within the hour, to postpone resolving their differences until after the party. Brazilians love soccer. Most of the world—including increasingly Americans—loves soccer. This is its premier event, and the Brazilians' behavior will make or break this year's World Cup. They need to smile and be good hosts.

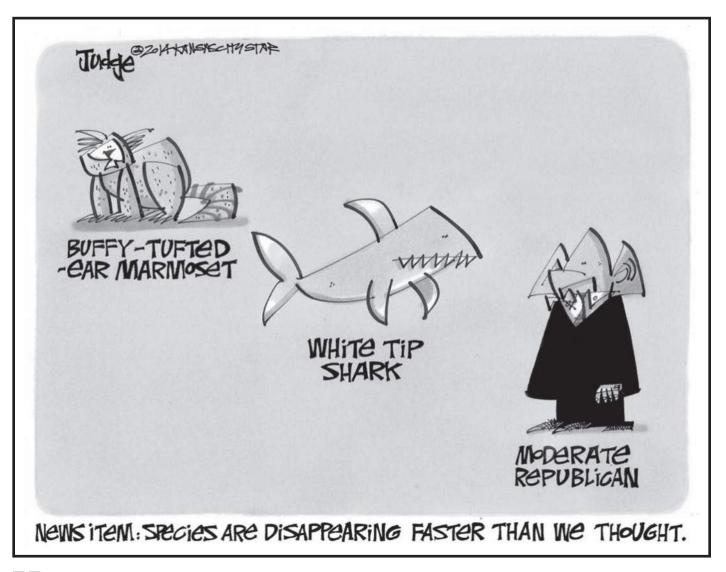
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# College debt relief is good, prevention is better

utlandish student loan debt is forcing millions of young Americans to live with the brakes on. President Barack Obama on Monday announced a step that will help some of those who need help the most. About 5 million borrowers with high debt and low incomes will be newly eligible for the "pay as you earn" program, which caps loan payments at 10 percent of the borrowers' monthly discretionary income. Young people looking for work or stranded in poorly paying jobs will get some breathing room.

Though welcome, Obama's announcement will help only a small number of the millions of Americans saddled with a total \$1.2 trillion worth of student debt. And a great deal of outreach will be needed. Only about 200,000 of 17.5 million borrowers already eligible for a pay-as-you-work plan are taking advantage of the opportunity.

A bill that is expected to come up in Congress soon would See COLLEGE on Next Page



# Hugs

hree seconds is the average length of a hug between two people, particularly of the French kiss-kiss variety; *um* on the right, *um* on the left, *merci beaucoup*. Studies show something fantastic about hugging. When a hug lasts 20 seconds, the body and mind responds warmly. A sincere hug produces oxytocin, aka love hormone, which benefits physical and mental health. It relaxes us and makes us feel safe; it calms our fears, and reduces our anxieties. It also puts a smile on your tickle.

Northern Europeans are stereotyped to make a gesture of familiarity with a nod, cold and from a distance but no contact. The Arabs shake hands to show that they do not have a dagger in their hands. To honor the sovereign in Baghdad of old, one bowed low to expose the nape, the most vulnerable part of one's body susceptible to a fatal blow. Iberian folks hug; the *abrazo* comes tight. Italians even give their prey the kiss of death! They are sensual in instinct, passionate in intuition, expansive in intelligence, and overt in intent.

One thing I've noticed of Barack and Michelle Obama: they hug people. Not a bad trait but I always stereotyped it as being an African-American thingy. So the Obamas hug, big deal, until China's Prime Minister Li Keqiang and his wife Cheng Hong in their last trip to Africa hugged their hosts. No, they were not just responding to someone else's hug, if you are thinking of the African thing. They actually embraced folks a full three seconds long, or longer.

We are writing this as if we've just discovered something revelatory. Well, we have. I remember a Pilipino family on Saipan, frequent company when their family and mine were both invited by a Swiss-Papuan couple for dinner at their home, so I got familiar with their children. Later, I had the eldest two in my 6th grade class at SVES, first the boy and then the younger girl. The boy was quiet and on the rotund side so nothing spectacular happened personally and academically.

The girl, on the other hand, was bubbly but unruly in a naughty way, negligent on academic matters. On the petite side, she found ways to lead others to what "we adults" considered rebellious mischiefs. I had a high threshold of tolerance for her antics in deference to her parents, and one day, feeling fatherly, I called on her on the assigned reading in Social Studies. I walked to her desk and stood by her side. When she did not answer my question, leading me to believe that she did not prepare her homework, I reached out to try to pat her on the head to say, "It's OK, but please be prepared the next time," when she suddenly bolted up and said: "Don't you dare touch me!"

Whoa! Yeah, I know. This is public school America and with the abundant abuses of pedophiles and freaks, I could understand, but in 2007, I was stunned. She was right. I dare not touch her, never mind that I kootchie-kootchie-cooed her chin when

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she was a child. Touching was verboten in the first decade of this century at SVES on Saipan.

A decade earlier, I attended a conference in Washington, D.C. where delegates from all over the country, almost a thousand of us, were feted with afternoon sandwiches on the White House lawn (no dinner; bigwigs, we were not) when Bill Clinton and Al Gore came bounding into a cordoned space where we were not allowed to touch. They waved!

In the last three years at a university in China, the only time I felt a student's touch was when a few came up to say "goodbye" at the last session and expressed appreciation that I treated them as adults, not a common practice where students are herded like cattle in the corral. Their hug of more than three seconds was definitely un-Chinese. So, to watch the country's Prime Minister and his wife on the world stage giving everyone and returning everybody's hug, I was not displeased! The PM and his wife have evidently decided to shift some paradigms.

I also found out that both the President, the PM, and another of the seven members of the Standing Committee of the Politburo—that's three out of seven—forbids anyone in a meeting from giving a printed position paper or express a thought by reading from a prepared text. This held true in delivering a speech, a speaker admonished to keep eye contact with the audience rather than simply read a prepared speech, as was the previous practice.

Soon to be 69 and nor shy on the touchy-feely lifestyle, I did not think I would see the day. Think of former President Hu Jintao delivering a two-hour speech, head swiveling from left to right, while a whole room of more than 2,000 people followed closely on a printed text. Former PM Wen Jiabao extemporated, but he was considered flighty though revered, lightweight though popular, naïve but loved. Now comes his deputy Li Keqiang reflecting the norm, the new norm. Speak your mind, or do not bother to speak. And while you are at it, hug!

I won't go that far on the panda, though. The cross between a bear and a wild cat, after seeing its kind in the Sichuan's wild, is best kept at a distance! On the other hand, of the porcelain dolls on the subway...

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# Exciting language news!

aipan is a linguistic crossroads, and I maintain a vigil for important developments so we can maintain our international leadership in this scholarly field. So here are a few items from my notebook, or at least the items I'd list in my notebook if I really had one:

#### 1) Mind the "noughty" bits

Well, the British have one-upped us yet again. They've come up with a snazzy word to reference the last decade, by which I mean the years 2000 through 2009.

The BBC calls it the "noughties." This presumably comes from "nought," meaning "zero." I think "naught" is the more familiar spelling to Americans, but I'm the last guy to ask about spelling. Actually, I'm the last guy to ask about anything, but you knew that already.

Anyway, so far, so good, but what will we call our current decade? The "teens" won't cut it, since the term would presumably exclude 2010 through 2012. Ideas, anyone?

#### 2) Way!

Here's a word that has taken on a new life: "way."

It's often used these days to mean "extremely" or "a lot."

Some examples: "We were way lost." "This car is way better." "Smoking is way unhealthy."

The first time I heard this usage was at a California fraternity party. Afterwards, as my age group floated up the working hierarchy, this frat-rat term went along for the ride. It seems to have stayed for the entire trip. It has, in a word, arrived.

I recently caught a news clip of a ranking military officer saying words of great importance. I was way surprised when he used "way" this way. I've heard doctors, dentists, and lawyers, all of them about my age, likewise using the "way" word.

As we used to say: "That's way cool!"

Hey, wait a minute; I guess we still say that.

#### 3) Pimsleur tips

The Pimsleur language courses, which are audio-based, are offered in about 50 languages now. My wife and I have bought Pimsleur materials for three languages.

I have found that downloading MP3s directly from Pimsleur.com saves money compared to buying the CDs and, of course, it saves time. Their website often features a discount code that can pare down the price even further. The downloaded MP3s don't require any special software or technical mojo to get working. The audio quality is solid so there's no lost ground there.

Meanwhile, I've found that there are always a few lessons ("units," as Pimsleur calls them) that bear repeating a number of times. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to maintain a mental list of these lessons. So it's worthwhile to make a "repeat" folder and transfer these lessons to it for easy reference. Believe me, it's really easy to wriggle out of repeating these things when there's some available time at hand, so unless they're easy to find and play, they will probably not get the attention they deserve.

#### **COLLEGE**

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have more of an impact. Senate Democrats are pushing to allow borrowers to refinance their loans at lower rates. Unlike Obama's proposal, this bill would also bring relief to graduates who borrowed from private sources rather than the government.

Unfortunately, Republicans in both the Senate and the House oppose this proposal, partly because it would be financed by higher taxes on some investment income.

Debt relief efforts will help, but what really is needed are tough measures to halt runaway college costs and to crack down on the predatory abuses of the for-profit college sector.

Schools at all levels have to be mindful of administrative bloat and unseemly executive salaries. State legislatures are correct to expect fiscal responsibility from their public institutions, but they must also finance schools adequately.

The biggest drivers of student debt are the for-profit colleges, many of which are shameless in their quest to enroll low-income students in order to secure government-backed grants and loans. Students leave these schools swamped by debt and with slim prospects for attaining decent-paying jobs.

The Obama administration is considering rules to prevent the worst offenders from securing students' federal aid. Similar efforts in the past have buckled under the industry's fierce lobbying. Let's hope the administration and Congress show more backbone this time.

Easing the way for young people to pay off oppressive loans is good policy. Enabling students to graduate from college with more manageable debt loads is even better.

nageable debt loads is even better.

The courses I've used have included extra little lessons in addition to the standard fare of the main, half-hour lessons. The extras are usually concerned with cultural insights. Some, however, contain important grammar tips. So this realm is like a box of chocolates—you never know what you're going to get but it's worth digging through it.

#### 4) One, the man says

Back in the day, in typing class, we were taught to put two spaces after a period. Alas, modern times specify one space, not two spaces, after a period.

As hard as I try, however, I just can't break the two-space habit. I'm not trying to flout convention. I'm just unable to backfill the brain-to-fingers channel that has the depth of decades etched into it.

The thing about typing is that it's supposed to become second nature. And it does. That's the blessing. It's also the curse.

#### 5) What's a serif?

A serif is the miniscule line or barb that's on the tip of a written character. Examples of serif fonts are Times, Times New Roman, and Courier. Serif fonts have a traditional, old-school look.

By contrast, "sans serif" fonts lack serifs and have a more streamlined and modern appearance. The "sans" in that handle comes from

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French, where "sans" means "without."

I think the sans serif fonts became popular when people started reading text on computer screens. Some examples of the breed are Arial, Microsoft Sans Serif, and Tahoma.

Pros often debate about which fonts are better for various situations. I've got nothing to say on that note. I just wanted to point out what "serif" meant because somebody asked me.

Actually, that question came my way about a year ago. Then I forgot all about it.

I should have written it down in my notebook, but, uh, you know how that goes.

# Political medley of deceit

he political medley of "Speedy Gonzales" and "Midnight Hour" led to the quick approval of the casino law by the incumbent leadership. It's a combined action giftwrapped in conspiracy against "we the people"—a willful suppression of transparency, and violation of fiduciary duty.

While it matters what they know (meetings with HK and Macau businesses) it's what they don't know that I find especially perturbing.

Now, there's a move to amend it in light of inconsistencies and ambiguities. But legislators aren't sure if the proposed amendments are legal. (Can you legislate a wrong into a right ex post facto, meaning "after the fact"). It includes the Lottery Commission spending money disallowed under the law and lawsuits that have already been filed and in progress. It must be desperation!

#### **Governor violates OGA**

The governor blatantly violated the Open Government Act by declaring it "unconstitutional." That he disagrees doesn't grant him the right to change the law by fiat. His authority is limited to the enforcement of laws. He can't pick and choose what he wants enforced. It's a government of laws! Following the law is constitutional, sir!

The AG's opinion is just that—an opinion—fudged in favor of the boss, though easily rendered completely off base by a competent court of law. The law is the voice of "we the people" approved via an initiative. People want transparency!

#### 'Huh? Did we do that too?'

Meanwhile, my mind was racing through torture land as I struggle to understand muddled answers from pro-casino legislators. Their inability to articulate what's in the measure or what's missing confirms their tacit submission to servility to rush it at all cost. And I thought they'd be conversant on the issue as policymakers. Humiliating!

Did the measure take into full view the need for huge sums of CIP money for the emplacement of basic infrastructure? You poke this query mirrored against the planned 2,000-room hotel and you hear thematic trembles: "Huh? I don't know, *lai*".

You jab them the more technical queries about "soft" and "hard" money count and you hear the redundant ignorance, "Huh? I don't know, *lai*." You quiz why tax is limited to 17 percent (normal rate is about 35 percent) and out comes the exasperating repetition in ignorance. Did they know China signed a \$2 billion deal with the government in the Bahamas on a casino with a 40-percent tax fee? "Huh? I don't know, *lai*!"

The discussion now attracts tons of flies peeling off the skin of the decomposing carcass of corruption. It seems the centerpiece is to corral dissenting views into the slaughterhouse of a fledgling statist government. Troubling!

If further confirms their inability to articulate the foundational mission of the measure and their obvious failure to come to terms with the gravity of the issue. They've become complaisant to the whims of their new Asian bosses. Is this why the participation of the general public was aborted at all cost?

You quiz of our share of the regional market and you hear the same dumb answer, "Huh? I don't know, *lai*." But then could you share what you know? Sickening!

The despicable redundancy shows the dismal caliber of policy-makers, sadly, too. The sale of the island and its people for  $30 \, \text{sil}$ -

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vers! "Huh? Did we do that too?"

#### Throw the bums out!

It's an infuriating journey trying to comprehend the power trip of greed, self-serving interest, and conflicted agenda of pro-casino legislators. They've suspiciously basked in their bubble of invincibility ignoring that the public knows its heinous agenda. Remember midterm election 2012? Well, voters are sufficiently energized today to render the same decision to cleanse their governmental institutions of corrupt politicians. No compromising here either!

Why is there the powerful shift to "throw out the bums?" Let's see you respond by answering what you have done to lower power bills, health insurance, restoration of the 25-percent pension cut; mitigate the horrendous cost of living; improvement of the income of the 52 percent underemployed or anything that would help families whose income has gone Deep South out of your negligence and apathy. If you don't have signature measures to resolve these issues, it's best you exit your offices quietly through the back door. *Dalai `ste!* 

Indeed, there may be room for rationalization. This turns into a task like trying to lecture to the dead folks at a cemetery why they must wake up early tomorrow morning. It won't work against the tide of an economic mess that sinks family wellbeing because their representatives are too busy shuttling between Saipan and Macau. In brief, you've overstayed your welcome while violating your own standard of transparency.

#### Forte of 'ad hoc' planning

The central deficiency in the deepening mess is in the lack of a set of plans to use as a blueprint to move things forward. It's "Plan By" eventualities or what happens, so far removed from the more thoughtful exercise of "Plan For" our future.

The forte of ad hoc disposition has done more harm than good for these islands. Interesting that teachers do lesson plans weeks in advance. Maybe we should ask them to help out on the hill.

#### **Lack of conscious leadership**

There's confidence that a majority of our people with common sense are committed to anything above rock bottom or the way things are today. I hear and see this in their facial expressions daily. They yearn for leadership. We don't want to repeat royal failure. At least we owe this much to our children.

One could hear the silent prayers of the multitude daily or at sunset hoping for another day of hairline resiliency to pull through the abyss of hopelessness. With a commitment for brighter break of dawn we shall recapture and rebuild our Bridge of Hope to move the lot of our children's future into the level playing field of economic prosperity and opportunities. Let's re-establish our collective vision to rebuild paradise! Yes, we can!

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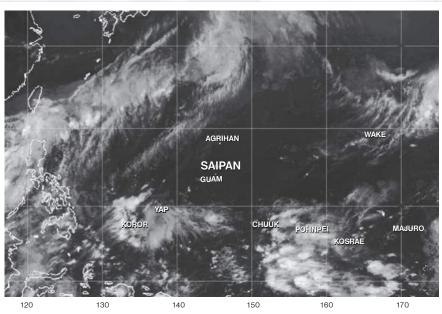
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| Yap           | Thunderstorms  | <b>▲</b> 82 | <b>▼</b> 80 |
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| Honolulu       | Partly Cloudy  | <b>≜</b> 83   | <b>▼</b> 74 |
| London         | Mostly Sunny   | <b>▲77</b>    | ₹57         |
| Los Angeles    | Partly Cloudy  | <b>▲</b> 77   | <b>▼</b> 58 |
| Manila         | Thunderstorms  | <b>▲</b> 87   | ₹78         |
| Melbourne      | Rain           | <b>▲</b> 56   | <b>▼</b> 50 |
| Miami          | Thundershowers | s <b>≜</b> 86 | ₹75         |
| New York       | Thundershowers | s <b>≜</b> 78 | <b>▼</b> 64 |
| Osaka          | Mostly Sunny   | <b>▲</b> 79   | ▼62         |
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| Pusan          | Partly Cloudy  | <b>▲</b> 73   | ▼63         |
| Rome           | Mostly Sunny   | <b>▲</b> 93   | <b>▼</b> 69 |
| Salem          | Showers        | <b>▲</b> 66   | ₹48         |
| San Francisco  | Partly Cloudy  | <b>▲</b> 64   | <b>▼</b> 52 |
| Seoul          | Partly Cloudy  | ▲81           | ▼61         |
| Tokyo          | Mostly Sunny   | <b>▲</b> 80   | <b>▼</b> 66 |
| Washington, DC | Thundershowers | <b>\$</b> 85  | ▼65         |

#### Yesterday's Satellite Image



#### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014 Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A tropical disturbance centered east of Okinawa at 27N134E is producing showers and thunderstorms north of a line from 21N130E to 25N140E. A cold front curves southwestward from 25N172E to 20N164E. Low-level convergence along and southeast of the front is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms just north of Wake Island within an area bounded by 19N163E to 21N174E to 25N179E to 25N172E back to 19N163E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Koror and near Yap between 4N and 10N from 135E to 142E and farther east within 100 miles of 9N145E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Chuuk and Pohnpei and southwest of Kosrae between the equator and 8N from 150E to 163E and east of Majuro east of a line from

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| 7:37 AM       | Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2:57 PM       | Today | Low Tide:  | 0.6 Feet |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9:54 PM       | Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Sunday   | 5:47 AM     | 6:48 PM | Sunday           | 8:49 PM  | 7:38 AM |  |
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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Consistency

Dear Mr. Dubrall: Thank you so much for your letter to me that appeared in this paper on June 12, 2014. You did an excellent job reminding readers of my consistent position since 1991 of the importance of those of Northern Marianas descent, as defined in Article 12 Section 4 of the CNMI Constitution. Coincidentally, that was the same year that my husband, Francisco Uludong, passed away. I encourage you to continue your research, and include in your work my husband as well. You will learn that, for over 35 years, we have worked in various ways to promote the interests of persons of Northern Marianas descent.

For your information, on Sept. 13, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, noting, among others, its concern "that indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources, thus preventing them from exercising, in particular, their right to development in accordance with their own needs and interests... *Recognizing* [emphasis added] the urgent need to respect and promote the inherent rights of indige-

# The facts about Article 12

There are individuals who I shared my thoughts with who have either limited or no awareness at all about Article 12. What is Article 12? Article 12 is a provision in our CNMI Constitution restricting acquisition of permanent and long-term interests in real property within the Commonwealth to persons of Northern Marianas descent. Who are person of Northern Marianas decent? The answer is a political definition, mainly referring to Northern Marianas Chamorro and Northern Marianas Carolinian who was born or domiciled in the Northern Mariana Islands by 1950 and was a citizen of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands before the termination of the Trusteeship with respect to the Commonwealth.

Who own public lands? Article 11, Section 1 in our NMI Constitution stipulates that "public lands belong collectively to the people of the Commonwealth who are of Northern Marianas descent." It is always misunderstood that public lands belong to the CNMI government. The mindset of the current and past elected leaders that public lands are government-owned has compromised the protection of public lands and therefore failed to encourage local development of a strong economic base to improve the livelihood of all Northern Marianas decent. Since public lands belong to all Northern Marianas decent, or NMDs, why then that we as NMDs are not directly benefiting from transactions or leases of our public lands? Instead, our NMDs are moving away from the CNMI to Guam or the U.S. mainland for better job opportunities with livable wages. Think about it.

Can NMDs sell their real property under Article 12? Yes! The purpose of Article 12 is to keep it within the NMDs' bloodline because it is our only tiny natural resource uniting us as Taotao Tano. There are two ways NMDs can sell their real property. One way is to sell but the land will no longer be yours but we keep it within the NMDs bloodline (fee simple) and the second way is to sell but the land is still yours and you continue passing on your lands to your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren from generations to generations (long-term lease). Article 12 prohibits selling your land in fee simple to non-NMDs but allow you to sell in long-term lease (55 years). If we allow Article 12 to be placed on the ballot in any election for voters to decide (considering the recent ruling of the NMI District Court allowing non-NMDs to vote on matters of Article 12) whether to abolish or not to abolish, then we are risking the protection of our only tiny natural resource that is uniting us collectively as NMDs and as Taotao Tano.

We will also be risking losing our economic leverage should we allow Article 12 to be abolished. Article 12 not only protects our culture and traditions but also protects NMDs against economic exploitation and it promotes our economic advancement and self-sufficiency. But have we as NMDs achieved economic advancement and self-sufficiency? I don't think so. But why? Because majority of our current and past elected leaders are weak, selfish, and easily bought with a wine-and-dine scheme and who knows what else under the table! *Pot fabot fan tachu'taotao tano* and vote smart on Election Day!

However, Article 12 need to be strengthened and improved by amending Article 12 Section 4 of our NMI Constitution. Currently, Article 12 Section 4 provides that he or she must possess at least 25 percent NMD blood to own land in the CNMI. This requirement has outlived its intent and it needs to be amended. Please vote yes to H.L.I. 18-1 to change the 25 percent blood quantum requirement to just any blood degree quantum. It is a good start in the right direction to strengthening and improving Article 12.'

nous peoples which derive from their political, economic and social structures and from their cultures, spiritual traditions, histories and philosophies, especially their rights to their lands, territories and resources... *Convinced* [emphasis added] that control by indigenous peoples over developments affecting them and their lands, territories and resources will enable them to maintain and strengthen their institutions, cultures and traditions, and to promote their development in accordance with their aspirations and needs."

Mr. Dubrall, my work since the 1st Commonwealth Legislature has been to create a community that recognizes that the needs of the Chamorros and Carolinians come before everyone else's. The failure of the Philippines, China, and other countries to create a satisfactory standard of living to prevent the exodus of their people to our island shores and elsewhere is secondary to the responsibility of the CNMI to the Chamorros and Carolinians. Please join me in putting the needs of the people of these islands first and foremost, so that all people—indigenous, NMD's, expatriates, nonresident workers—that call the CNMI home can flourish together harmoniously. I will work until I can no longer, to ensure our islands do not go the way of countless countries around the world whose own indigenous people, as recognized

by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, have become marginalized by more powerful, self-centered interests. Thank you for pointing out the consistency of my efforts for over three decades. Please bring your ideas to the table should you wish to assist in this endeavor.

**Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro**Capital Hill, Saipan

## Alternative energy

I noticed the Nauru building solar farm going up and Eric van der Maas says it will provide 90-plus percent of the entire building's power. CHC, and a lot of other government buildings, has a lot of roof area. I'm not an expert but don't the feds have a pretty good program of financing alternative energy programs? Let's see what your in-house experts say, assuming, of course that anyone there knows what I'm talking about.

Gary DuBrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan



# You do not want these ants in your pants!

The little fire ant, Wasmannia auropunctata, may have only a little more time to spend in Guam as the Department of Agriculture and the University of Guam are teaming up to begin eradication efforts around the island.

The Department of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources received a State Wildlife Grant to begin a pilot eradication project for little fire ants in Guam. Wildlife biologist Julie Duay is heading to Hilo, Hawaii, to receive training in successful techniques used in the Hawaiian Islands for eradicating the ants. When Duay returns she will be working with UOG's Cooperative Extension Service, Agriculture and Natural Resources agent Roland Quituqua to put together a database and delim-



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The Department of Agriculture and the University of Guam are teaming up to eradicate little fire ants from

iting survey of up to four locations in Guam where the little fire ant is present and attempt to eradicate the colonies.

Little fire ants have established in isolated areas throughout the island, so it is very important that people do not transport soil, plants, or plant parts that may be infested with these insects.

"These ants do not make mounds like other ants. They live on the ground and in trees and they especially like living in heliconia plants and banana trees," said Duay.

Little fire ant is on the list of the top 100 nastiest invasive species worldwide and is considered the greatest invasive ant threat to the Pacific region. They deliver a very painful sting causing an extremely itchy rash. Since they live in trees, little fire ants drop on people when the wind is strong, or when people brush against plants while walking through the jungle, or while harvesting fruit. In some places in Tahiti and Hawaii, people can no longer harvest their crops and have given up farming in areas infested with these ants.

Since the little fire ant is a hitchhiker ant, people moving green waste, soil, and plants are increasing the risk of these ants finding a permanent home in Guam. One way to reduce the chance of spreading LFA around the island is to plant tissue culture banana plants from the Department of Agriculture LFA-free nursery. This eliminates the risk of cutting a sucker from a banana plant infested with LFA and sharing it with your neighbor along with some little fire ants. Several varieties of banana plants are available at the nursery on Dairy Road in Mangilao. For more information about tissue culture plants contact Ricardo Lizama at 300-7974.

Guam Department of Agriculture and University of Guam personnel continue their collaborative efforts to protect the island's natural environment from the devastating effects of invasive species. For more information on LFA, visit www. littlefireants.com. To report sightings of LFA or other invasive species, please call 475-PEST (7378). (UOG)



The Northern Marianas College is inviting students to enroll into its summer session so they can earn additional credits toward their degree and accelerate their path to graduation.

Registration for NMC's regular summer session will begin on Monday, June 16, 2014, and will continue until Friday, June 20, 2014. NMC's summer session will run from June 23 to Aug. 1, 2014.

New students are required to take the placement tests before they register. The schedule of placement tests and the summer 2014 class schedule can be found online at www.marianas.edu.

Those who have not applied for admission can still do so by visiting the college's Office of Admissions and Records and picking up an application form. Application forms can also be downloaded from the NMC website.

Students who were enrolled during the fall 2013 and/or spring 2014 semester are considered ongoing students, so there is no need to re-apply for admissions.

For more information, contact Manny Castro at 234-5498 Ext 6772 or via email at manny. castro@marianas.edu, or visit marianas.edu. (NMC)

# MVA membership meeting on July 3

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-annual World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am.

The guest speaker will be Michael Merner, chairman of AVIAREPS Marketing Garden, which operates MVA's representative offices in Japan, Korea, China, Russia, and Taiwan. Topics will include: Insights and Updates on Japan, Korea, Russia, and China Markets; Flower Island Project; and Destination Enhancement.

The meeting cost is \$20 per person for MVA members and \$25 per person for non-members. The cost includes lunch. RSVP is requested by Monday, June 30.

The MVA also welcomes new businesses, agencies and general membership meeting on individuals who want to active-Thursday, July 3, 2014, at the ly participate in the Northern Royal Taga Ballroom, Saipan Marianas' top industry as MVA members. Membership is \$100 annually and includes detailed visitor statistics each month; opportunities to join promotional events targeting Japan, Korea, and other markets; the monthly MVA newsletter Tourism Insights; the opportunity to promote member services on the five language-specific websites of the MVA; and more.

For more information, a member application, or to RSVP, contact MVA Community Projects assistant Charlene Mendoza at cmendonza@mymarianas.com, Valencia Tenorio at vtenorio@mymarianas.com, or call (670) 664-3210. (MVA)



# Japan's 'Music Bird' radio sings praises of N

company "Music Bird" is singing the praises of the Northern Mariana Islands, following a recent visit by producer Yoshimi Masuki. Masuki, whose show

and Tinian on June 1-4, a trip she describes as "one of the most impressive travels of my life.

The program is promoting the Northern Marianas during several

Japan's popular radio production name is Arakeda, was on Saipan shows throughout June. On Sunday's (June 8) "JP TOP 20" J-Pop show airing on 125 radio stations, Masuki mentioned Saipan in the show opening and conducted a promotion for Managaha

throughout the show. Yesterday's "Music & More" show included music from the Northern Marianas and aired on 90 radio stations.

'We are fortunate to have developed an informal partnership with Music Bird over the last couple of years. They have come to love Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and their many listeners get to feel the special flavor Much of the praise for this success is due to KKMP Radio's Gordon Marciano and Gary Sword who have continued to work closely with the Music Bird group," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman.

In addition, show host Miyako Hamana will be on Saipan to

of our destination because of it. cover the inaugural Swimming Festival in Managaha (formerly the Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race Tournament) on June 28, 2014.

Hamana has provided live broadcast coverage of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota over the last two years and has a sizable audience who follow her travels to the Northern Marianas. (MVA)

#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### MHS Class of 1989 sets Mass, get-together

In keeping the memories of its departed classmates alive and to kick off its 25th Class Reunion activities, the MHS Class of 1989 will have its 25th Class Reunion Mass on Friday, June 13, 2014 at San Jose Church at 6pm. Members of the MHS Class of 1989 and MCS Class of 1989 are invited to the Mass and for an after-Mass gathering at the residence of Glenna Sakisat-Palacios Reyes in Dandan. For more information, contact Gernadine Camacho at 483-1433. (PR)

#### **Mafea invites Filipino** engineers, architects

The Marianas Association of Filipino Engineers and Architects is inviting all Filipino engineers and architects on Saipan and Guam for a get-together on June 15, 2014, in conjunction with the 116<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration activities organized by United Filipino Organizations. This event will be held on June 15, 2014, at the Garapan Fishing Base; look for the Mafea tent. Mafea will also conduct its yearly election of officers and board of directors for 2014-2015. For more information, call Jojo at 888-0896; Lito at 989-8905; or Randy at 888-0899. (Mafea)

#### **MHS dates to remember**

- June 13, 9am-10:30am: Awards Ceremony, MHS Gym
- June 16, 4pm: Graduation Ceremony, MHS Gym (Early dismissal at 12pm)
- June 19: Last day for students (Early dismissal
- June 24: Report cards are available for pick up
- June 30: Registration deadline for new and incoming 9th grade students
- June 30 Aug. 8: Summer and online school
- July 7 Aug. 1: Extended year program For more information, call the Main Office at 237-3206/2/5. You can also check the website, www. marianashighschool.com. (MHS)

#### **CCA board meeting on June 17**

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on June 17, 2014, Tuesday, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)





#### Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Ed. (DSM 5) Workshop

Cost: \$200.00 covers attendance fee (beverages included in the two day attendance fee). Registrations after June 15th will cost \$225.00. 14 Continuing Education Units are available for this training.

#### Dates & Times:

7 July 2014; 9:00 am - 5 pm (Registration begins at 8 am the first day) 8 July 2014; 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

#### Workshop Venue:

Pacific Island Club's "Charley's," The Island of Saipan Seating limited to 100 people. Please register early.

Send registration forms to jfostertraining@hotmail.com (Subject Block Title "DSM V Registration") or call (671) 777-0292 for over the phone registration. Payments can be made with cash, check (make checks payable to J. Foster's Training Solutions) at the Bank of Guam or approved purchase orders (send P.O. to me). Please call Ms. Tiara Evangelista at 670-323-6560/1 if you need further clarification.

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#### UOG: Guam to get training on preventing plant extinctions

This month, a team from the the University of Guam Jesus & and reintroduce plants to their Hawaii Extinction Prevention Program will be conducting training for the Guam Plant Prevention Extinction Program at the University of Guam to help develop strategies to prevent Guam's rare plants from going

Both programs also hosted a public presentation about the plant extinction prevention yesterday, June 12, at the Multi-Purpose Room 129 located in

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The Guam PEP Program is an islandwide program dedicated to preventing the extinction of Guam's rarest plant species that have fewer than 200 individuals remaining in the wild by working with conservation partners to protect wild populations, preserve their genes off-site,

natural habitat.

Presently, Hawaii is home to 235 "PEP species"—species that have fewer than 50 plants remaining in the wild. HPEPP is a project of the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit at the University of Hawaii and works collaboratively with landowners and government agencies statewide to protect Hawaii's rarest plants.

The training is funded by

the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Private and State Forestry Grant, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

#### **About GPEPP**

The Guam Plant Prevention Extinction Program was initiated through a collaboration of the University of Guam, College of Natural and Applied Sciences and the Forestry & Soil

Division of the Department of Agriculture with the Hawaii PEP Program. GPEPP receives funding primarily from the U.S. Forest Service State-Private Stewardship grant and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Guam PEP Program values public input and participation and hopes to share knowledge and find ways to protect the rarest plants in the Mariana Islands. The program is also looking to develop local and regional partnerships that encourage shared responsibility for

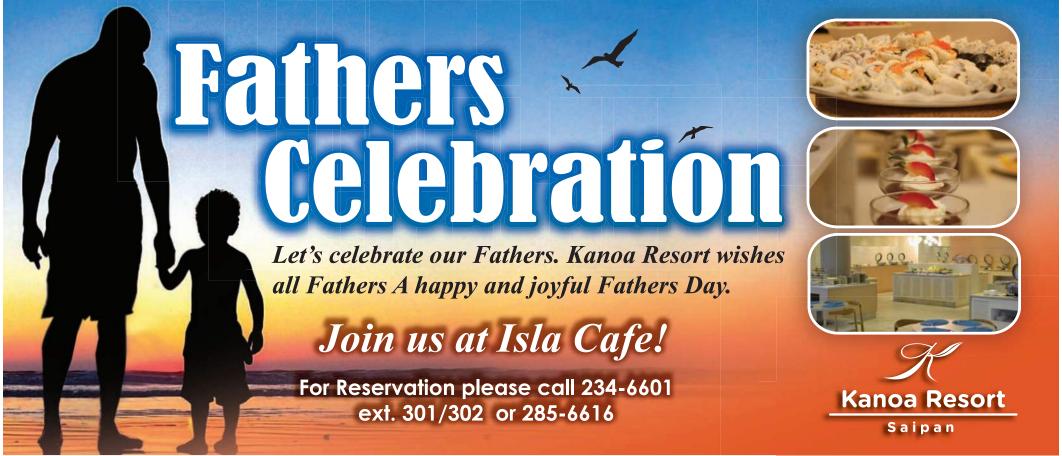
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protected species management and recovery, which could help reduce the risk of extinction of many of these species.

The Guam Rare Plant Restoration Group serves as GPEPP's advisory committee and is comprised of Guam native plant specialists whose expertise is used to review program objectives, provide recommendations, and follow up with the Guam PEP Program progress.

For more information about the GPEPP visit www.gpepp. org. *(UOG)* 





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# Pohnpei students join support for shark protections in FSM

On May 26, 2014 dozens of student members of the Youth Environment Ambassador Club from Nanpei Memorial High School and Madolenihmw High School arrived at the national congress in Pohnpei to demonstrate their strong support for

# 12 d-CON mouse, rat control products are being cancelled

The Division of Environmental Quality under the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality will no longer accept 12 d-CON products as legal for importation into the CNMI after March 31, 2015. All retailers are advised to discontinue the purchase of any of the 12 d-CON products on the list and will only have up to May 31, 2015, to sell existing inventory. Retailers are encouraged to phase out all existing inventory before the deadline to avoid violation notices and penalties.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reached an agreement with the manufacturer, Reckitt Benckiser, to cancel these 12 d-CON rat and mouse poison products, which will help prevent risks to children, pets, and wildlife. Based on the agreement, Reckitt Benckiser will begin to phase out production of the 12 d-CON rat and mouse poison products in June 2014. Production of these products will stop by Dec. 31, 2014 and distribution to retailers will end by March 31, 2015.

The 12 d-CON products being canceled do not meet U.S. EPA's current safety standards. All 12 of the products are sold without a protective bait station. Bait stations are required for consumer products to protect children and pets from contact with bait pellets. Also, eight of the 12 products contain second generation anticoagulants pesticides that pose unacceptable risks to non-target wildlife.

The 12 d-CON products being cancelled and phased out are:

| Product Name                              | EPA<br>Registration |
|---|---------------------|
| d-CON Concentrate     Kills Rats & Mice   | 3282-3              |
| 2. d-CON Ready Mixed<br>Kills Rats & Mice | 3282-4              |
| 3. d-CON Mouse Prufe<br>Kills Mice        | 3282-9              |
| 4. d-CON Pellets<br>Kills Rats & Mice     | 3282-15             |
| 5. d-CON Mouse<br>Prufe II                | 3282-65             |
| 6. d-CON Pellets<br>Generation II         | 3282-66             |
| 7. d-CON Bait<br>Pellets II               | 3282-74             |
| 8. d-CON Ready<br>Mixed Generation II     | 3282-81             |
| 9. d-CON Mouse-<br>Prufe III              | 3282-85             |
| 10. d-CON Bait<br>Pellets III             | 3282-86             |
| 11. d-CON II Ready Mix<br>Baitbits III    | 3282-87             |
| 12. d-CON Bait<br>Packs III               | 3282-88             |

shark protections in the Federated States of Micronesia. The students' presence coincided with a Resources and Development Committee hearing on pending legislation to create a shark sanctuary in FSM's exclu-

sive economic zone. They join more than 8,300 Micronesian students who have signed a petition in support of an FSM shark sanctuary. The student signers come from all four states of FSM, Palau, the Northern Mari-

ana Islands, the Republic of Marshall Islands, and Guam.
Their support comes in wake of Chuuk's recent passage of its cheek protection law.

Their support comes in the wake of Chuuk's recent passage of its shark protection law—making it the fourth and final state in FSM to protect sharks



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Student members of the Youth Environment Ambassador Club from Nanpei Memorial High School and Madolenihmw High School express their strong support for shark protections in the Federated States of Micronesia

recent resolution by Pohnpei's traditional leaders who called on Congress to pass legislation for the creation of a shark sanctuary in FSM's national waters.

"I'm so pleased to see Micronesia's next generation standing up for shark protection in FSM," said Willy Kostka, executive director of the Micronesia Conservation Trust. "Healthy oceans need sharks, and the creation of a shark sanctuary will ensure that our future generations will reap the environmental and economic benefits of shark protections."

in state waters. It also follows a

FSM committed to a regional shark sanctuary at the Micronesia Chief Executive Summit in 2011. The resolution, which was signed by President Mori in 2011, was reconfirmed at the 2013 meeting. Since the agreement was signed, all the MCES members have passed shark protection laws and the FSM will be considering its own shark protection bill in its regular session in September or in an earlier special session.

In a letter to FSM Resources and Development chair David Panuelo, Tony deBrum, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of the Marshall Islands, said that RMI remains steadfast in its commitment to the protec-

tion of sharks.

"The government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands looks forward to working cooperatively and collaboratively with the FSM national and state governments in the enforcement of our respective shark protection laws," wrote deBrum.

The Association of Pacific Island Legislatures also passed a resolution in 2013 calling for a Pacific islands regional shark sanctuary, further demonstrating the widespread support across Micronesia for a shark sanctuary.

"I am eagerly awaiting FSM's creation of a shark sanctuary, joining with Guam and the rest of Micronesia," said Vice Speaker BJ Cruz of Guam, who sponsored Guam's shark protection law. "Students in Guam were an integral part of the passage of our shark protection legislation, and I am delighted to see them standing up for a shark sanctuary in FSM as well."

"The passage of FSM's shark sanctuary law would put Pacific islands on the global stage as conservation leaders and maintain our oceans for future generations," said Carlotta Leon Guerrero, senior adviser to The Pew Charitable Trusts' global shark conservation campaign. (PR)



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# 600-strong JC Tokai group arrives on Saipan for visit

By JAYSON CAMACHO jayson\_camacho@saipantribune

Some 600 members of the 41<sup>st</sup> JC Tokai's Junior Chamber of Commerce aboard the *Venus Cruise* vessel arrived at the Charley Dock on Saipan on June 11 and were welcomed to the island in a ceremony at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan's beachside.

Marianas Visitors Authority executive director Perry Tenorio, Consular Office of Japan Consul Hitoshi Kikuchi, and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider led other dignitaries in welcoming the group to the island and in expressing appreciation for their visit.

41st JC Youth Voyage board of directors member Akira Ito and Pacific Eagle Enterprises Inc. vice president Aya Matusmoto expounded on the background of the group and the purpose of their visit.

"We welcome all of the young men and women, these future professionals of Japan, as they learn about our unique paradise, as well as engage in training which will prepare them in the charting the path Japan will embark on as they get older," Hofschneider said.

Hofschneider praised the JC Tokai's Junior Chamber of Commerce for continuing the "storied tradition" between the CNMI and Japan.

Through war, recovery, prosperity, and recession, we have continued to support one another, and it is through that that we support them in the

cause of facilitating the next generation of leaders for Japan," Hofschneider said.

Kikuchi said that he is very pleased and extends his warm welcome to the visitors. "Japanese tourist have been decreasing and I am glad that they have chosen Saipan as your destination," Kikuchi told the visitors in Japanese.

Kikuchi also noted the historical background that Saipan holds for the visiting members.

Tenorio presented Ito with a plaque to recognize the support of the Japanese group in promoting the CNMI.

Ito told *Saipan Tribune* said that their major purpose is promote world peace and help change the world. According to her, the group wants to create international friendships through these voyages.

Pacific Eagle's president Willie Matsumoto said the group is visiting Saipan so they could immerse themselves in the multicultural society of the islands and learn about the historical events that happened here.

The group was entertained by the Saipan Awaodori Team.

The group, which departed the island yesterday, is a Junior Chamber of Commerce based in the Tokai district, which is composed of the Aichi, Gifu, Mie, and Shizuoka prefectures in Japan.

JC Tokai's Junior Chamber of Commerce had been to the CNMI in 2000, 2007, and 2010, ranging in numbers from 500 to 600.

#### Keynotes students hold recital

Students of Keynotes School of Music showed off their talents in a recital called "A Magical Springtime Serenade" on June 8, 2014, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Some 27 students, mostly beginners, demonstrated their newly-earned abilities in playing their favorite musical instruments.

Erica Tubera and Shane Sabino, who are both piano and voice students at KSM and are gold winners in recent singing contests on Saipan, took part in the recital.

Students participating in the recital are taking music lessons in voice, piano, guitar (electric, classical and acoustic), base guitar, and drums. (KSM)

#### **Kanoa Resort**

Kanoa Resort will be celebrating Father's Day with its regular Sunday brunch at Isla Café. It is only \$18 for adults and \$9 for children under 5 years old. For reservations, call 234-6601 ext. 301/302 or 285-6616.

#### **Fiesta Resort**

A hearty Sunday brunch awaits fathers this Sunday at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall. The Garapan hotel's F&B staff has prepared international cuisine and desserts topped with bottomless beer, wine, and champagne. It is also offering diners free pool pass, raffle prizes, and a surprise gift for fathers.

Fiesta Resort's Father's Day Sunday Brunch costs \$29.99 for adults and \$14.99 for children between the ages of 4 and 11. For reservations, call 233-6414, 483-0462, 237-0748, or 237-0744.

# A galore of options to celebrate Father's Day on Saipan

#### **Pacific Islands Club**

The San Antonio hotel will have four Father's Day offerings to remember this Sunday. The Father's Day Brunch at The Magellan is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 4-11 years old. Its Beef and Seafood Dinner Buffet in The Magellan, meanwhile, is \$24 for adults

and \$14 for children 4-11 years old and is available throughout the month of June.

PIC's Set Dinner at Seaside Grill, meanwhile, is \$65 and

comes with a complimentary bottle of wine or champagne. Looking for a weekend "staycation" this Father's Day? PIC is offering its Deluxe Room for \$169 inclusive of tax and includes a complimentary brunch, 60-minute Thai Spa massage, and a special gift. For restaurant reservations,

call 237-5126, while room accommodations can be arranged by calling 234-7976.

#### **Coral Ocean Point**

One of the most picturesque views from a restaurant on Saipan is also preparing a Father's Day brunch this Sunday. Coral Ocean Point Re-

sort's Double Eagle Restaurant's gastronomic treat for fathers costs \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 4-11 years old. It includes a

free pool pass, 50 percent off on all alcohol beverages and fathers get two free beers or two glasses of house wine. For reservations, call 234-7000 Ext. 623.

#### Laolao Bay Golf & Resort

The sprawling resort known for its emerald fairways and

gorgeous vistas of Laulau Bay has a special promotion for Father's Day this Sunday. For just \$20 for adults and \$12 for kids (4-11 years old), The Grill Restaurant will be treating dads to an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet. A live band will be performing and the promo comes with a free pool pass. For reservations, call 236-8831/29.

#### McDonald's Saipan

The Golden Arches will be treating fathers to a free Extra Value Meal for breakfast or lunch this Sunday with a minimum purchase of \$20. The McDonald's Saipan promotion is good for in-

store customers only and dads must be present.

#### **Joeten Ace Hardware**

The Helpful Place will be providing 25-percent discounts on furniture, Whirlpool appliances, power and hand tools, plumbing, electrical, selected hardware, paint sundries, lawn and garden, pet supplies, automotive, cleaning supplies, and houseware this Father's Day weekend, June 13-15. It's also slashing 15 percent off on garden power tools, air compressor, generator, pressure washer, bed sets, and mattress/foundation.

#### **Docomo Pacific**

The telecommunications company is bringing back its "Deals for Dad" promotion by offering its Motorola Razor Max for \$219, its Samsung Stellar for \$99, and its HTC Droid DNA for \$229.

#### IT&E

The "Big Daddy" BBQ Beach Package promotion will give away a barbecue grill and cooler with Bud family beers and Bud gears (courtesy of Marpac) as well as \$100 Shell gas gift certificates to lucky winners. All you have to do is purchase a cellular phone at any IT&E store and fill out the entry form for a chance to win. Drawing date is this Friday, June 13, 12pm. (Saipan Tribune)



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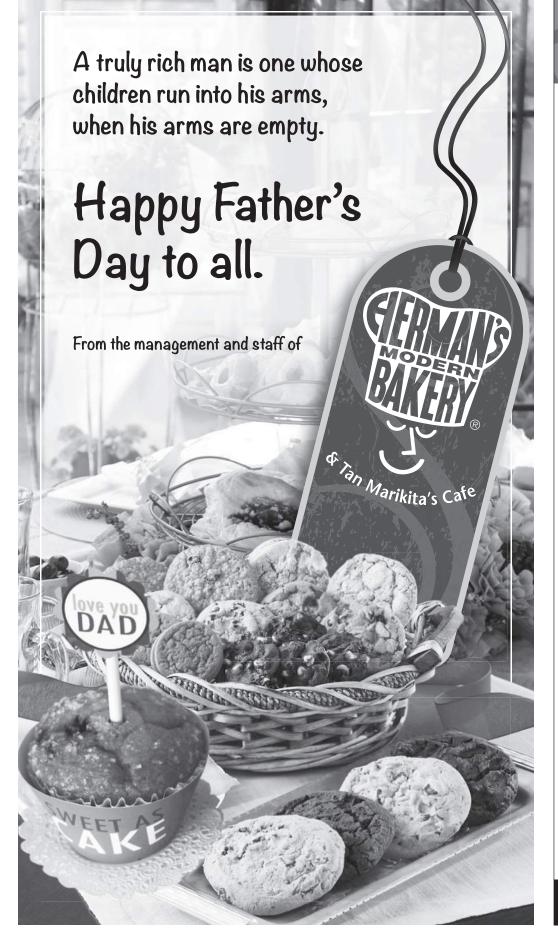
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# Motheread/Fatheread holds completion ceremony at GES

By JAYSON CAMACHO

The CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Literacy Program held a completion ceremony at the Garapan Elementary School on Monday, June 9. A total of 13 parents completed the eighthour session over the course of a month and a half.

"They were proudly awarded with scholastic books, book bags, certificates, school supplies, gift certificates, and a most memorable learning experience wherein they developed valuable reading skills to pass on to their children and families," said Motheread/Fatheread assistant coordinator Beth Demapan.

Parents that completed the

Sandhya Gautam, Judith Tan, Liarpinia Pangelinan, Basonte Sarker, Mikuo Sarie, Valerio Mality, Precilla Arcega, Mei Rengiil, Jocelyn Asistores, MariaAnn Cabrera, Nani Sarker, and Loly Ledesma.

Children from GES teacher Evangeline Espanola's Story Exploring class retold books from the Motheread/Fatheread curricula, which included the following: Goldilocks and the Three Bears by James Marshall, The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdrone, Corduroy by Don Freeman, Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

GES' Margarita Sugaste's Story Exploring class from fourth to sixth grade did a movprogram were Wrene Alegre, ing and heartfelt read-aloud



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Group picture of the Garapan Elementary School's Motheread/Fatheread June 2014 Completion Cer-

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Garapan Elementary School's Evangeline Espanola's Story Exploring Class celebrate literacy.

You Forever by Robert Munsch. Afterwards, 19 children school supplies. They were who presented their parents Isaac Balbin, Tarsila Balbin,

awarded certificates and

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

#### **AGENDA**

- I. Preliminary
  - Call to Order Roll Call
- II. Public Comments<sup>1</sup> III. Reports
  - 1. Chair
  - 2. Board Committees
- 3. Commissioner of Education a. Financial Status Reports

3. Adoption of Agenda

- i. Federal
- b. Other matters

#### IV. Unfinished Business **New Business**

- 1. BOE-PSS Comments to HLI 18-12 (Ratification)
  - Audit FY2013

  - School Climate Transformation Grant Application
  - Mental Health State Education Agency (SEA) Grant Application Mental Health Local Education Agency (LEA) Grant Application
- PSS Organizational Chart Memorandum of Agreement with Northern Marianas College
- School Breakfast and Lunch Menu

#### VI. Executive Session<sup>2</sup>

- Legal Updates
   Personnel/Certification
- Other matters

- VII. Administrative Matters 1. Certification and Licensure Matters
  - a. Recommendation for Issuance of

Certification & Licensure VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting Adjournment

Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes.

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time

with a song from the book Love with homemade crafts were Josephine Balbin, Rakesh Sarker, Rastava Wenio, Johnlane Dela Cruz, Precious Denise Valerio, Ria Rengiil, Rina Rengiil, Lance Jacob Asistores, Jaceylene Rios, Joey Dean Aldan, Sylvia Sanchez, and L.J. Kaipat.

GES principal Paulette Sablan and vice principal Liela Yumul were on hand to congratulate the families for taking part in this ceremony.

"Thank you parent trainer Celina Foreman, Story Exploring instructors Evangeline Espanola and Margarita Sugaste, volunteer Jether Espanola, and the Motheread team. Thank you Garapan Elementary School administration for your support," Demapan said.

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council in partnership with the CNMI Public School System, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, administers the CNMI Motheread/ Fatheread Literacy Program.

Those interested for schedules for private schools, organizations, and agencies could be arranged by contacting the CNMI Motheread/Fatheread at 235-731, 989-8542 or e-mail cnmimotheread@gmail.com.

# 'Ice' distributor gets 6-month prison term

The federal court slapped a six-month prison term on Yuan Rong Zhao, a 41-year-old man who was arrested in January by Drug Enforcement Administration agents for distributing \$400 worth of methamphetamine or "ice" in San Antonio.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson gave Zhao credit for time served and ordered that upon his release, Zhao, a Chinese national, shall be delivered to an immigration official for removal proceedings.

Attorney Michael Dotts, counsel for Zhao, recommended a sentence of time-served.

Dotts disclosed that Zhao's girlfriend had abruptly left Zhao with their child and that Zhao was trying to support for himself and the child and that he was under a lot of stress. That stress. Dotts said, led Zhao to "ice" use until it reached the point that he also sold it to support his addiction.

When Zhao was arrested on Aug. 16, 2013, the girlfriend took custody of the child. The girlfriend then left for China with the child without communicating to Zhao.

Dotts said when the charges in Superior Court were dismissed, Zhao's intention was to

quickly depart the CNMI to find his daughter. Dotts said Zhao bought his airplane ticket and prepared to leave.

Dotts said Zhao, however, sold more "ice" but to a DEA's confidential source, which led to his arrest in January 2014.

The lawyer said Zhao recognized his error and agreed to plead guilty almost immediately after being charged. Dotts said Zhao has provided all the cooperation that he could to federal law enforcement.

"Zhao hopes to be released soon so that he can return to China and reunite with his daughter," Dotts said.

At the sentencing hearing, U.S. Deputy Marshal Don Hall informed the court that U.S. immigration has already filed a removal case against Zhao.

Zhao pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with one count of distribution of methamphetamine.

According to the plea agreement. Zhao sold 0.60 grams of "ice" to a DEA confidential source on March 6, 2012, on Saipan. A DEA special agent stated in an affidavit that the deal happened outside Zhao's house in San Antonio. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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# **Business**

# Senate Republicans block student loan bill | Brazil, other markets are

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Republicans on Wednesday blocked legislation aimed at letting people refinance their student loans at lower rates, a pre-ordained outcome that gave Democrats a fresh election-year talking point against the GOP.

The 56-38 vote fell short of the 60 that would have been needed to advance to debate on the measure by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. Her bill would have let millions of borrowers, some with years-old debt and interest rates topping 7 percent or more, refinance at today's lower rates.

The bill would have been paid for with the so-called Buffett Rule, which sets minimum tax rates for people making over \$1 million.

"With this vote we show the American people who we work for in the United States Senate: billionaires or students," said Warren. "A vote on this legislation is a vote to give millions of young people a fair shot at building their future."

Republicans said the bill wouldn't have done anything to lower education costs or reduce borrowing, and they accused Democrats of playing politics by highlighting an issue that was bound to fail.

"The Senate Democrats' bill isn't really about students at all. It's really all about Senate Democrats," said Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "They want an issue to campaign on to save their own hides this November."

Student loan debt has topped \$1 trillion and emerged as a drag on the economy and on middle-class families across the country, making it a ripe target for politicians ahead of midterm elections where Democrats risk losing their Senate majority.

Wednesday's vote followed two days where President Barack Obama highlighted the issue from the White House, announcing executive action to let more borrowers to cap their monthly payments at 10 percent of their income and answering questions about the issue on the social networking site Tumblr.

"There are too many politicians in Washington who don't have the right priorities," Obama told high school graduates in Worcester,

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Massachusetts, as he chided Republicans for rejecting the student loan bill. "We need to straighten them out. And maybe they forgot where they came from and who invested in them along the way."

The Obama administration said Warren's bill could have helped some 25 million borrowers save \$2,000 each over the lifetime of their loans. It would have allowed people with older loans at higher interest rates refinance to rates below 4 percent offered today under a deal reached a year ago in Congress.

Three Republicans joined all Democrats in voting to proceed to debate on the bill: Susan Collins of Maine, Bob Corker of Tennessee and Lisa Murkowski

# no longer 'Fragile Five'

NEW YORK (AP)—Soccer fans will focus on Brazil and the start of the World Cup Thursday, but investors have been entranced by that nation's stock market for months.

Brazil has company. From Sao Paulo to Mumbai, investors are regaining their faith in emerging markets this year.

It's a big shift from 2013, when investment in those markets dried up because of worries about their slowing economic growth. It got so tough that five big developing markets—Brazil, South Africa, India, Indonesia and Turkey—were dubbed the "Fragile Five" by analysts at Morgan Stanley.

Now those countries are much more appealing to investors. Some have taken actions to strengthen their economies. Others have gone through political changes that have bolstered investor confidence. At the same time, slower growth in the U.S. has made investing overseas more alluring.

"These countries have done some homework to reduce their fragilities," says Jorge Mariscal, chief investment officer for emerging markets at UBS Wealth Management. "They have helped themselves a bit."

The "Fragile Five" raised interest rates to draw investors' cash back into their countries.

#### Lawyers: GM seeks bankruptcy shield from lawsuit

**DETROIT** (AP)—Lawyers for a Georgia family that is trying to reopen a wrongful death lawsuit against General Motors say the company is trying to move the case to federal court so it can use bankruptcy as a shield from the claim.

The lawyers, Lance Cooper and Jere Beasley, said Wednesday in a statement that GM's court filings run counter to a promise made by GM CEO Mary Barra to fairly compensate families of people killed or those injured in crashes caused by defective ignition switches.

GM spokesman Greg Martin called the company's filings procedural.

A federal bankruptcy judge in New York ruled in 2009 that the new GM is shielded from claims stemming from cars made before the company emerged from bankruptcy protection. Instead, the claims go against the old GM, which has limited assets. The judge now is being asked

to decide if he will allow claims against the new company.

Cooper and Beasley say moving the case to federal court would allow the company to use the bankruptev to send claims to the old GM.

Ken and Beth Melton sued GM three years ago in Cobb County, Georgia, in the death of their daughter, Brooke Melton, in 2010. The 29-year-old nurse died when her 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt skidded on a county road, hit another car and ended up in a creek.



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#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH (ATS) SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR RFP14-GOV-109

Governor Elov S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to assess/recommend electrical load calculation, supply and install required ATS, and existing generator and generator house at the Governor's Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package and scope of work will be available on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at the job-site Governor's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office, or email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com or facsimile to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m., ChST, June 19, 2014.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a project approach and a schedule of completion, addressing the scope of work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished. The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. Note, a firm that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

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Performance time for completion of the AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH (ATS) SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) Two Hundred Dollars (US\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP14-GOV-109 AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH (ATS) SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, June 30, 2014. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, June 30, 2014 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, June 30, 2014, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 9, 2014. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI



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PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF PTZ CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-14/PORT OF ROTA

#### **AMENDED** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the procurement, installation & commissioning of PTZ cameras and security and surveillance systems at the Port of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The Proposal Package and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning May 09, 2014 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of PTZ cameras and Surveillance System, Project No. CPA-RFP-010-14" (Port of Rota). One original and four copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, June 20, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held in Rota on June 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Benjamin Manglona Rota International Airport (CPA) conference room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those vendors present at the pre-proposal conference will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the conference or may be requested by making appointments with the CPA Rota Ports Manager to ensure that proposers submitting a proposal are aware of the general area where the surveillance cameras are to be installed.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejections or cancellations; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

This Project is funded by the 2012 Port Security Grant Program and CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/MARYANN Q. LIZAMA **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 



#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

#### INVITATION TO BID ITB14-GOV-115

San Antonio Basketball Court Facility and Amenities Rehabilitation San Antonio Village, Saipan

vernor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the San Antonio Basketball Court Facility, pan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

project package will be available Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan inistration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer tification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance missioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Thursday, June 26, 2014, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, San Antonio Basketball Court. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Tuesday, July 1, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB14-GOV-115, San Antonio Basketball Court Facility and Amenities Rehabilitation". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, July 15, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pitcom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, July 15, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, July 24, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:00 AM ChST Friday, July 25, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 10:00 AM ChST Tuesday, July, 15, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director Procurement and Supply, DOF



#### **COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**

Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950 Phone: (670) 237-6500 • Fax: (670) 234-5962

E-mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRSIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE/DITCH/AND RESTRICTED AREA GRASS CUTTING) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-012-14

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for grounds maintenance services of the International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals for perimeter fence/roadside/ditch and restricted area grass cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the

The scope of work entails providing continuous grass cutting services for the Airport as described in the scope of work. The proposal package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning May 16, 2014. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Perimeter Fence/Roadside/Ditch and Restricted Area Grass Cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport." One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA Departure Terminal Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 10:00 am, Friday, May 30, 2014 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective proposers may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-proposal conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This RFP does not commit to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA **Executive Director** 

Date: May 1, 2014

# **Nation**

# Long waits at the VA for mental health care

EL PASO, Texas (AP)—Nick D'Amico, a deeply troubled Army veteran, had been seeing a counselor every other week. But he found it next to impossible to get a follow-up appointment at the El Paso VA with a psychiatrist who could adjust his medication, according to his mother.

The best the system could offer, she says, was a half-year wait for a teleconference with a Veterans Affairs psychiatrist in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

appointment was still two months away when D'Amico, 45, left his wallet, phone, watch and Desert Storm

hat at home and committed suicide by driving off a cliff outside El Paso last September.

"It's shameful. It's disgusting. It's got to stop," says his mother, Bonnie D'Amico.

For years, veterans have complained about maddening waits for mental health services at VA medical centers, and for vears federal officials have responded by hiring more clinicians and expanding programs. This week, a devastating internal investigation that looked at wait times for all sorts of care across the VA system showed that the agency hasn't solved

the problem.

It found, for example, that new mental health patients were routinely forced to wait a month or more to start treatment. Not one of the 141 medical systems examined was able to meet the department's goal of getting all new mental health patients an appointment within 14 days. At 30 facilities, the average wait topped 40 days.

For D'Amico and other patients, the delays have had realworld consequences, according to family members, vets and experts.

Dr. Paul Summergrad, a psy-

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chiatry professor at the Tufts University School of Medicine and president of the American Psychiatric Association, said that aside from delaying needed care, the long waits destroy any sense of connection between the patient and the provider, making successful treatment less likely.

"We have a suicide crisis. We have a post-traumatic stress crisis. We have a traumatic brain injury crisis, all going on at the same time," Summergrad said. "To have them wait is unconscionable."

Andrew Danecki, a former Marine corporal who served in Afghanistan, got a taste of the nodding off behind the wheel of waiting game in 2011 when he sought treatment at the Durham VA Medical Center in North Carolina for symptoms that included anger, depression and crippling fatigue.

Danecki said he was able to start seeing a counselor in a reasonably short amount of time and eventually got in to see a psychiatrist, but when the doctor suggested he undergo a sleep study to help understand why he was so exhausted, it took eight months to get the appointment.

During that wait, he kept falling asleep on his couch, nearly his car, and wondering why, at age 25, he was such a mess.

When he finally underwent the study, doctors were able to quickly diagnose him with obstructive sleep apnea, a condition that can be linked to posttraumatic stress. Danecki was put on a machine called a CPAP that helps him breathe more regularly at night. His chronic exhaustion vanished immediately.

"If I would have done that a lot sooner, maybe a lot of those issues that I had dealt with could have been cured, or at least, you know, calmed down," he said.





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Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality

would like to extend our

to all the groups and individuals who contributed to making this year's

**Environmental Awareness Month** 

a huge success.

(Over 4,000 people participated in various events throughout the month!)

Most especially, we would like to THANK the following

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Your contributions and efforts help us ensure the protection of a clean and healthy environment of all people of the CNMI!

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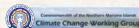












Young Men and Women of the Saipan Ward, Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints





Facebook posts written before he vanished from his military base in Afghanistan, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl spoke of his frustration with the world and his desire to change the status quo.

He criticized unnamed military commanders and government leaders and mused about whether it was the place of the artist, the soldier or the general to stop violence and "change the minds of fools."

In his personal writings, he seemed to focus his frustrations on himself and his struggle to maintain his mental stability.

Together, the writings paint a portrait of a young man who was dealing with two conflicts—one fought with bullets and bombs outside his compound, the other fought within himself.

Bergdahl's Facebook page

Idaho (AP)—In was found by The Associated Press Wednesday, and it was suspended by Facebook for a violation of its terms a short time later. Bergdahl opened the page under the name "Wandering Monk." His last post was made May 22, 2009, a few weeks before he was taken prisoner.

> Bergdahl, the only U.S. soldier held captive in Afghanistan, was recently released after five years as a prisoner of the Taliban. In exchange, the U.S. released five detainees from a detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The circumstances surrounding the prisoner swap and Bergdahl's capture in 2009 have raised a national debate, with Bergdahl's supporters and friends joyous at his rescue, and some members of Congressand some of his own platoon members—calling him a deserter.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

CHO, SEONG JEO, Plaintiff,

VS.
PARK JAE HYUN, HAN SANG EOK,
KWON CHOON SEOB, MOON YOO SUK,
AN JONG HO, PHILIP S. BERG COMPANY, LTD. and DAE DONG CORPORATION, CIVIL ACTION NO.: 13-0161C

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 22, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendants in and to the following real property, located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:



Tract No. H 246 situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of North 45,325.50 meters and East 51,207.79 meters of the Northern Mariana Islands Coordinate System of 1996.

1. Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendants), and will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Bldg, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI. Registration for the auction sale will begin at 10:15 a.m.

2. Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 8th day of May, 2014.

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# World

#### **WORLD BRIEFS**

#### Al-Qaida breakaway pursuing an Islamic state

**BEIRUT** (AP)—An al-Qaida splinter group that has seized a huge chunk of northern Iraq commands as many as 10,000 fighters and has steadily been consolidating its hold on much of northeastern Syria across the border. Its pursuit of an Islamic state that would straddle the two countries has thrown it into bloody conflict with both governments, Kurdish militias and Syrian rebels of all stripes. The group, known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, has employed a calculated strategy to achieve its aims, using everything from beheadings to terrify

opponents to ice cream socials for children to curry favor with local populations under its control. But it is the group's military prowess that has brought under its sway a swath of territory that stretches from the Syrian-Turkish frontier in the north down the Euphrates River all the way to the Iraqi city of Fallujah just 65 kilometers (40 miles) west of Baghdad.

#### **Biden: US supports Ukraine-Russia peace** talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vice President Joe Biden says the United States strongly supports negotiations among Ukraine, Russia and international diplomats to resolve the crisis in Ukraine. The White House says Biden spoke by phone Wednesday with Ukraine's new president, Petro Poroshenko. It was their second conversation in two days. The White House says Poroshenko told Biden he's still committed to his offer to grant amnesty to insurgents who lay down their arms or allow them to return to Russia. Biden told Poroshenko the U.S. applauds the peace plan he presented Saturday during his inauguration. Biden says Moscow must recognize Poroshenko as Ukraine's legitimate leader, stop supporting pro-Russian separatists and prevent arms from flowing over the border.

#### Japan slams China over close encounter of jets

TOKYO (AP)—Japan lodged a diplomatic protest with Beijing on Wednesday after Chinese military jets flew near Japanese military aircraft over the East China Sea, an official said. Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera said two Chinese SU27 fighters approached as close as 30 meters (100 feet) to Japanese aircraft on Wednesday morning. He said the Chinese planes posed a danger to the Japanese aircraft and a serious incident could have occurred. He said the Japanese planes were on a regular surveillance mission in international airspace, and that Japan would continue to defend its territory. Calls to the Chinese defense ministry's press office rang unanswered.

#### **Families of Flight** 370 passengers seek information

**BEIJING** (AP)—About two dozen relatives of Chinese passengers on the missing Malaysia Airlines flight demanded more information at a Beijing building that houses the airline's regional office on Wednesday, more than three months after the plane disappeared en route to the city. Under the tight watch of at least a dozen Chinese police and several building employees, the relatives were kept from entering the office building. Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 is thought to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean on March 8 with 239 passengers and crew on board, but a seabed search has found no trace of the plane.

#### Top Filipino terror suspect captured near airport

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Philippine security forces on Wednesday captured a top Filipino commander of the Abu

Sayyaf extremist group who is on a U.S. list of most-wanted terrorists and has acknowledged receiving al-Qaida funds to finance bombings in the country. Khair Mundos did not resist when army troops and police arrested him in a slum community near Manila's international airport. It was not immediately clear why he was in the capital. The military and police have been hunting him for his alleged involvement in bombings and kidnappings. Mundos is one of the highest-ranked terrorist suspects to be captured in the country in years. His arrest deals a major blow to the Abu Sayyaf, where he was a top commander, a combat trainer, spiritual leader and a plotter of bombings and ransom kidnappings, according to military intelligence chief Maj. Gen. Eduardo Ano.



JVA No. 14-032

#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



Tuesday, June 10, 2014 Friday, August 01, 2014



#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Deputy Executive Director ("DED") fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

\*For further information stop by the CUC Human Resource Office.

#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

Successful candidates for CUC's Deputy Executive Director must have the following:

- Education:
  - Master's degree in management, engineering, finance or public administration, "OR", in the alternative, a bachelor's degree in engineering "and" registration as a Professional Engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in either the civil, mechanical, or electrical branch. [With your cover letter or resume, please provide a copy or verification of your education and/or registration.]
- Experience:
  - Senior management experience of at least ten (10) years desired in similar wastewater and drinking water utility (combined utility is preferred), with similar or greater capital and operating budgets, capital improvement projects, human resources needs, utility financing issues, operation and maintenance training, and implementation needs. [With your cover letter or resume, please provide information supporting your professional background and work assignments showing senior management experience. Please cite duration, responsibility level, duties, position, and other relevant experience substantiating senior management experience.]
- - A Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's Certificate is desired, but not mandatory.
  - Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.
- \*For further information stop by the CUC Human Resource Office.

SALARY INFORMATION: Based on credentials and specialized experience as a water and wastewater utility senior manager (executive) in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

**POSITION:** One (1).

**CONTRACT:** Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed \$10,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed \$5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS: Applicants of JVA No. 13-006, JVA No. 13-052, and JVA No. 14-019 are considered as part of this JVA No. 14-032. These applicants are welcomed and encouraged to contact Human Resources to confirm such inclusion and/or to update their submission. All applicants are should review the minimum requirements and present an application package that clearly addresses such requirements. Applicants are asked to please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a list of references, and (4) a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail\*:

Human Resource Office Commonwealth Utilities Corporation P. O. Box 501220 Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

\*If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax "or" email "or" drop off your package.

- Fax: 670-235-5131
- Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota

**POLICIES:** The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

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#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation **JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**



JVA No. 14-033

Closing Date:

Opening Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 Friday, August 01, 2014

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

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#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

Successful candidates for CUC's Chief Financial Officer must have the following:

- Education:
  - Bachelor's degree in accounting or financial management from a United States accredited institution or one with equivalent accreditation;
- Experience:
  - Ten (10) years of professional experience in governmental or financial accounting,
- including experience in a supervisory and/or management position.
- Certification and Licensing:
  - A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is desired.
  - Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.

\*For further information stop by the CUC Human Resource Office.

**LOCATION:** Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

**SALARY INFORMATION:** Based on credentials and specialized experience and whether applicant has a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITION: One (1).

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# Off The Wall



In this Saturday, June 7, 2014 photo provided by Josh Newton, newlyweds Michael Wolber and April Hartley pose for a picture near Bend, Ore., as a wildfire burns in the background.

#### Alaska woman wants daughter's name to be Awesome

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—A Juneau, Alaska, woman wants to give her daughter an awesome middle name. Literally.

Lisa Flores is seeking court approval to legally change her daughter's middle name to Awesome.

The Juneau Empire reports Awesome would replace the given middle name of Contea for 2 1/2-year-old Viviana Flores.

Mom allowed her 11-yearold son to initially pick out his

sister's name. Dominic wanted her first name to be Danger, something Mom vetoed. He came back with Awesome for a middle name, but Lisa picked "Contea" at the last minute.

She now wants the name

changed to honor her son's wishes and to thank Dominic for all he has done to help her.

He says the "cool" name will allow her to tell people all her life that she has an "Awesome" middle name.



#### **Procurement And Supply CNMI** Government



Submission & Opening Date: June 16, 2014 Time: 10:00 a.m.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

**CNMI GOVERNMENT** 

INVITIATION TO BID 2014-CDA-05-ITB

#### "PREVENTIVE MAINTENACE -**AIR CONDITION UNITS**"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the

Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN **Executive Director** 

/S/HERMAN S. SABI AN Director P&S



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: RFP14-CHCC-111

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 14, 2014

Procurement and Supply, located at Lower Base Drive during regular working hours

TIME: 10:00 A.M. "OUTSIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

The Scope of Work is available on or after June 13, 2014 at the Office of the Director of

Questions regarding this project may be submitted to Ms. Esther I. Muna, CEO-CHCC via e-mail to esther.muna@dph.gov.mp no later than the close of business, July 02, 2014

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Norther Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ ESTHER L. MUNA Chief Executive Officer, CHCC /s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

wildfire that disrupted an Oregon couple's wedding also gave them the photograph of a lifetime.

A fire truck rolled up at Rock Spring Ranch near Bend with sirens blaring Saturday and the wedding party was told to evacuate, The Oregonian reported.

The minister conducted an abbreviated ceremony. Everyone cheered and began to evacuate to downtown Bend's Drake Park for the reception.

As guests headed for the cars, wedding photographer Josh Newton took some photos of the couple with the wildfire raging in the background.

Michael Wolber called it "the most beautiful ceremony either of us could have ever imagined." He and his wife, April Hartley, live in Aloha and both work at Nike Inc.

"It's terrible to be evacuated from your own wedding," said

END, Ore. (AP)—A Lisa Clark, a fire information officer with the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center. "But it's a story for the rest of their lives and nothing that could be duplicated."

The wedding venue was on the edge of the wind-pushed fire, and deputies and fire trucks were driving through the area telling people to evacuate as a precaution.

Firefighters were probably sympathetic to the wedding party with the disruption and permitted the quick ceremony.

"I don't think the firefighters would have allowed the extra few minutes if it had been that critical," Clark said.

Newton said Tuesday he's heard from many people, including firefighters, about his photo.

"I've actually heard a lot from the wildfire community and they are totally amped on it!" he said.

#### 10-year-old gets high school diploma

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—A 10-year-old North-

ern California boy is celebrating a milestone most people don't reach until they are in their late teens.

Tanishq Abraham has become one of the voungest people to graduate from high school. The Sacramento boy received his diploma at a private ceremony in front of family and friends on Sunday, and even got a congratulatory letter from the White House, KXTV in Sacramento reported.

Tanishq was home-schooled and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. He told KXTV the work wasn't easy, but not that hard either.

"The way my brain works is that when you give me something, information about that topic comes into my mind," he said. "I don't know what it is, but that's how it is for me."

His mom, Taji, said she suspected her son was gifted, but didn't know until the results of an IQ test. Tanishq joined Mensa, a group for people whose IQ is in the top 2 percent of the population, at the age of 4.

So what's next for him?

Tanishq is taking college courses and says he wants to be a scientist, but also president. He has his sights set on medical school at the University of California, Davis, and finding a cure for cancer.



#### **DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

Caller Box 10007, Behind Department of Public Safety Bureau of Motor Vehicle, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950 TEL. NO. 664-8300 FAX NO. 664-8315



#### THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

| APPLICANT                    | DATE<br>Application received   | APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION | LOCATION             | ТҮРЕ          | STATUS                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Ironwood Blue Water Homes | 04/16/2014<br>SMS-2014-X-020   | 80 Unit Multi-Family Housing    | Middle Road, Garapan | Major Siting  | Certified Complete (05/09/2014) |
| 2. Good Day Coordinating     | 05/21/2014<br>SSm-2014-X-027   | Photographic Activities         | Shoreline Areas      | Shoreline APC | Approved (05/22/2014)*          |
| 3. DLNR                      | 05/22/2014<br>SSm-2014-X-028   | Garapan Public Market           | Garapan              | Shoreline APC | Approved (06/05/2014)*          |
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Require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.



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The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-2014-X-020submitted by Blue Water Homes, LLC for the construction of Ironwood Multi-family Housing project on lot no. 694 in GualoRai, Saipan. The project includes 80 units of multi-family dwelling complex; community center; covered pavilions with barbecue facilities; water storage; solar power and solar water heater; basketball court; playground; and fenced perimeter and gated access.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 6:30 PM at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality office located in the GualoRai Center (GRC) Building in GualoRai, Saipan.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review and comments during business hours from 7:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M. Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office located in the GRC Bldg. in GualoRai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304 or fax at 664-8540. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the Division of Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

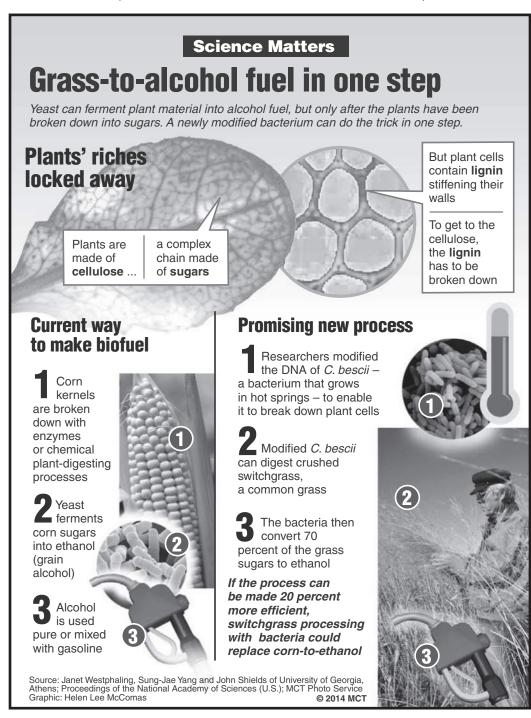
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# Science & Technology

# Pet ate your iPhone? Licked your laptop? You're not alone, survey shows



By BECKY YERAK

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

About 1 in 10 U.S. pet owners have had their Fido or Fifi damage one of their electronic gadgets, according to a new survey.

The animals' favorite chew toy: power cords, according to San Francisco-based Square-Trade, which sells extended warranties for laptops, tablets, mobile devices and other electronics.

The survey, which also found that male dogs are 86 times more likely than female pooches to damage a device, was conducted in May by Survey Sampling International, which collected feedback from 1,012 dog and cat owners.

Laura Berry, an educational consultant who lives in Orland Park, Ill., said one of her five cats, 8-year-old Sophie, in March threw up on the keyboard and mouse of her Hewlett-Packard all-in-one computer.

Sophie is a timid cat who spends most of her day in a card-board box on a kitchen counter.

"In morning I feed her and she comes over and gets cat cookies," said Berry, 59. "She has a weak stomach and just threw up on the keyboard, and it didn't work well after that."

Berry, who is also a member of the board of education of Orland School District 135, then remembered that her HP was under extended warranty with SquareTrade.

"I gave them a jingle, and then sent them a receipt for a replacement keyboard, and they sent me a check," Berry said. She was initially skeptical about extended warranties but said SquareTrade didn't give her any hassle. Berry estimates that it would have cost about \$30 to replace the keyboard.

The question of whether extended warranties are worth it comes up frequently.

Consumers don't have to buy the warranty from the store that sells the item. They can shop around for warranties online like they shop for products themselves, comparing prices and coverage. That's one reason why SquareTrade has become popular for electronics service plans. In 2012, the privately held company raised \$238 million from investors that included Bain Capital.

SquareTrade said it commissioned the survey because it is seeing frequent repairs and replacements from pet-related damage for increasingly popular gadgets. It didn't provide specific numbers on claims it is seeing.

Cell phones account for almost a third of damaged devices, the survey found. The incidents range from a pet knocking the device off a table to vomiting or urinating on it.

#### Facebook, Twitter brace for World Cup fever

NEW YORK (AP)—This year's World Cup will play out on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and messaging apps like WhatsApp just as it progresses in stadiums from Sao Paulo to Rio De Janeiro.

Nearly 40 percent of Facebook's 1.28 billion users are fans of soccer, better known as football outside of the U.S. and Australia. On Tuesday, the world's biggest online social network is adding new features to help fans follow the World Cup—the world's most widely viewed sporting event—which takes place in Brazil from June 12 to July 13.

Facebook users will be able to keep track of their favorite teams and players throughout the tournament in a special World Cup section, called "Trending World Cup." Available on the Web as well as mobile devices, the hub will

include the latest scores, game highlights as well as a feed with tournament-related posts from friends, players and teams. In addition, an interactive map will show where the fans of top players are located around the world. The company is also launching a page called FacebookRef, where fans can see commentary about the matches from "The Ref," Facebook's official tournament commentator.

Social media activity during big sporting events such as the Olympics and the Super Bowl has soared in recent years and should continue as user numbers grow. In 2010, when the last World Cup took place in Johannesburg, South Africa, Facebook had just 500 million users. Now there are just that many soccer fans (people who have "liked" a team or a player) on the site, the company says.

#### **TECH Q&A**

#### If your desktop's date is off, its days are likely numbered

By STEVE ALEXANDER

STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I've had my Gateway desktop PC, model GT562O, for six or seven years. I noticed a few days ago that the screen was displaying the wrong time. When I clicked on it, it showed that the year was 2006.

I changed the time and date without problems, then ran the Malwarebytes, Norton Internet Security and Windows Defender security programs without finding any problems.

But since then, every time I turn the computer on, the screen shows either the wrong calendar date or the wrong time. Once I correct them, they're OK until I turn off the PC.

I've backed up my files to be safe, but what's causing the problem and what I should I do now?—Andrew Buist, Jacksonville, Fla.

**ANSWER:** An electrical component of your computer is failing, and it's hard to know which one.

It's most likely the CMOS (complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor) battery that supplies a trickle of electricity to maintain the calendar date when the PC is turned off. It can be replaced for about \$10 online. To remove it, see http://tinyurl.com/3s3gd.

But the problem could also be a flaw in the PC's power supply (\$50 to \$70, if you replace it yourself), a transformer that lowers wall outlet voltage to the level your PC needs. Or it could be caused by a failure in the PC's main circuit board or motherboard (\$120 if you do it yourself.)

Rather than replace any or all of those parts on a PC that's six or seven years old, I'd buy a new computer.

**NOTE ON BATTERIES:** Dennis Fazio, a longtime information technology professional,

disagrees with some advice I gave about how often to charge a laptop battery to prolong its life. I suggested a laptop owner should try to minimize the number of times the battery is charged by using the battery until it is nearly run down.

But Fazio, technical services director at Falcon Heights, Minn., educational software firm TIES (Technology Information Education Services), says it's better to charge batteries before they are completely run down.

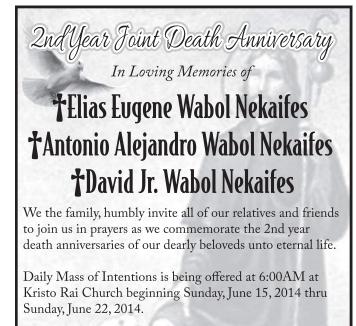
"For lithium batteries, each charge cycle reduces its life. Deeper discharges reduce it further than shallow discharges," Fazio said, citing a study (see http://tinyurl.com/2349lq2).

Q: I have a used PC that several times a day slows down until it is nearly stopped. When I look at the PC's resource monitor, I see several tasks running that are part of my Norton security program. This can

go on for as long as 10 to 15 minutes. Then, to make things worse, the Microsoft Security Essentials program sometimes starts running, slowing down the PC again. If both of these programs run in sequence, the PC becomes useless for 20 to 30 minutes at a time. What should I do?—Paul Delau, Minnetonka, Minn.

**A:** You're running two security programs at once, and they're competing for the PC's computing capability. Go to the Windows Control Panel, choose "Programs and Features" and uninstall either Norton or Microsoft Security Essentials.

Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Readers may write to him at Tech Q&A, 425 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55488-0002; email: steve.j.alexander@gmail.com. Please include a full name, city and phone number.



On the final day Monday, June 23, 2014, Mass will be

served afterwards at the Social Hall.

Your Prayers are greatly appreciated

Nekaifes Sisters and Brother

The Family

Zina Camacho Nekaifes and Children

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offered at 6:00AM at Kristo Rai Church. Breakfast will be

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# Life & Style

## Driver pleads not guilty in Tracy Morgan crash

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP)—A truck driver pleaded not guilty Wednesday in the fatal New Jersey Turnpike crash that also injured comedian Tracy Morgan as investigators look into what role his long commute to work played in the accident.

Wal-Mart driver Kevin Roper lived in Georgia, but his job was based in Delaware, National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman Kelly Nantel said.

A criminal complaint alleges that the 35-year-old Roper, of Jonesboro, Georgia, hadn't slept for more than 24 hours before the accident when he allegedly swerved to avoid slowed traffic on the turnpike and plowed into Morgan's limo on Saturday morning.

Wal-Mart has not explained what Roper's driving route was.

The company has said it believes he was in compliance with federal safety regulations.

Roper's pleaded not guilty to assault and death by auto charges and his bail was kept at \$50,000. Roper and his attorney, David Roper Glassman, refused to

answer reporters' questions after the hearing about whether Roper was the author of tweets from a Twitter account bearing his name and featuring his picture and calling reports of his not having slept for 24 hours before the accident "complete

A conviction on a death by auto charge carries a fiveto-10-year prison sentence. Each assault by auto charge

("The Lego Movie") into self-

Beginning with a "previously

on" clip reel and ending with

reflexive satire.



Q&A:Tatum, Hill on their sequel satire'22 Jump'

is punishable by up to 18 months in

The 45-year-old Morgan suffered a broken femur, a broken nose and several broken ribs. His friend and fellow comedian James McNair was killed, and two other

passengers were seriously injured. Another passenger was treated and released from the hospital Saturday, and the limo driver and one more passenger weren't injured

Morgan underwent surgery for his broken leg and remained in critical but stable condition.

Morgan's assistant, Jeffrey Millea, 36, of Shelton, Connecticut, and comedian Ardie Fuqua Jr., 43, of Jersey City,

AP: Did you know early on

**Hill:** I think we got lucky. We

knew we would get along, but

also the way we interact is luck-

ily funny. It makes us laugh. I

think it makes other people en-

how good your chemistry to-

gether was?

also remain in critical condition, a hospital spokesman said.

State police on Tuesday released audio recordings from three 911 calls made after the accident.

"It's a terrible accident," a woman tells the dispatcher in one of the calls. "The car flipped. It's on its side. It's two vehicles and a Wal-Mart truck."

Citing the criminal investigation, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman wouldn't say where Roper's trip had originated or where he was headed at the time of the

FX Networks issued a statement saying Morgan's new TV series, a half-hour comedy scheduled to start filming in August for a January premiere on the FXX network, would be waiting for him once he's well.

rector Bennett Miller in com-

mon (Hill received his first

"This Is the End."

# Judge: Daughter can stop food for Casey

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Casey Kasem's daughter has the authority to withhold food and fluids from her ailing father, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Los Angeles Su- Kasem perior Court Judge

Daniel S. Murphy reversed a ruling from Monday that stated that Kasem should receive food, fluids and certain medications until after a court-appointed attorney met with the former radio host and his doctors.

Murphy reviewed additional medical records on Wednesday and concluded that Kasem would endure more pain if he was given food or fluids, attorney Troy Martin said. Martin, who represents Kasem's daughter Kerri, presented the updated information to Murphy during an emergency hearing.

He also presented the judge with documents in which Kasem stated he did not want his life prolonged by food or fluids if he was mentally incapacitated.

"It's just flat out wrong," said Steve Haney, an attorney for Kasem's wife Jean.

Haney said Murphy's ruling wasn't based on sworn declarations from doctors and relied on an outdated document in which Casey Kasem said he didn't want to receive food or fluids if he was incapacitated. As of last week,

Kasem still had the ability to communonverbally, nicate Haney said.

Kasem's wife of 34 years pleaded with the judge to restore food and fluids to her husband, who has a form of dementia.

Jean Kasem stormed out of the courtroom after Murphy issued his ruling, according to the New York Daily News, which first reported the deci-

Jean Kasem and her stepdaughter Kerri have been fighting in court since May over Casey Kasem's care. Murphy has given Kerri Kasem temporary authority to make medical decisions for her father.

Murphy upheld Kerri Kasem's authority and ruled that Jean Kasem had not acted in her husband's best interests when she removed him from a California medical facility and took him to a friend's home in Washington state last month, Martin said.

Haney said Murphy's comments about Jean Kasem's decisions were wrong and she took her husband to Washington to be evaluated by a specialist. Her decisions "in no way contributed to his situation," Haney said.

Casey Kasem remains in critical condition in a Washington hospital. Martin said the former "America's Top 40" host has not received food or fluids since Friday.

Oscar nomination for Miller's "Moneyball," while Tatum stars in the upcoming "Foxcatcher"), and you both have terrible things done to you in

In this Thursday, June 5, 2014 co-stars Channing Tatum, left, and Jonah Hill, right, pose for a portrait in promotion of their new film "22 Jump Street," in New York.

#### Jump Street," directed (like AP FILM WRITER the first) by Phil Lord and NEW YORK (AP)—The com-Chris Miller, the maestros of turning shallow conceits

ic duo of Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill began with an intentionally bad idea.

Hill called up Tatum: "So I have this probably terrible idea, but I want to see if you're interested," he said. Adapting the 1980s TV show "21 Jump Street" was the pitch, and Tatum couldn't resist Hill's anti-sell.

The movie, a send-up of TV show adaptations while at the same time being one, was a hit. Now, Hill and Tatum are back this Friday with "22

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a slew of mock sequel teasers, "22 Jump Street" again showcases Tatum and Hill's rapport in a self-aware comedy that sends up sequel-making and dissolves into such absurdity that, one point, it literally turns into "The Benny Hill Show."

In a recent interview, Hill and Tatum reflected on their partnership in parody and what Hill calls "the most difficult week of my life."

joy watching us hang out. When we're on set and we're hanging out and laughing, I can see people smiling.

**Tatum:** I definitely went into this, more than most films, with zero, zero ego. I was very insecure about trying to go do a comedy. I was just sort of like: "Tell me what to do."

AP: You guys might seem quite different, but you overlap in many ways. You have di-

**Tatum:** It was like 2 in the morning—they must have still been shooting-and I hear my email go off. I pick up my phone for whatever reason. I never do this. I don't email with Seth (Rogen), but it's Seth and he's like, "Don't be mad at me. We're sitting here and we have a crazy idea for a cameo for you that involves you, Danny Mc-Bride, a retractable dog leash and a Mexican wrestling mask."

And I was like, "I'm in." AP: In the time you've been

#### making the "Jump Street" movies, your careers have both exploded.

Tatum: When (Hill) got nominated (for "The Wolf of Wall Street"), it was so insanely ... I felt like I got nominated. I'm not even kidding. It was one of those, like, "YES!"

perience with Cannes. I was in thoughtful person. Even when my bed at home and I got an email with the first "Foxcatcher" review from Cannes. It was like 6 or 7 a.m. in Los Angeles. And I knew what that meant for the road they're about to go on. I was screaming and I called (Tatum) and Bennett. Neither of them picked up. They screened my calls.

#### AP: Following the video that showed Hill calling a paparazzo a gay slur, what has this week been like?

Hill: It's been the most difficult weeks of my life, without any question. I'll say this: It's been the most painful week of my life. I'm someone who beats

themselves up for their mistakes in life. I don't want to keep giving a watered down apology because what I said on Jimmy Fallon was from my heart and what I wanted to get out there. But there is a silver lining to it if people who are young and fans of mine hear me say, "Use me as an example of what not to do."

**Tatum:** Knowing him, it's Hill: I had a very similar ex- even frustrating. ... He's such a we're on set and improv-ing and it starts skirting around anything racist or bigoted, he's like, "I'm going to stop this before we go into any offensive territory."

#### AP: How did the end credits sequence of fake "Jump Street" sequels come about?

Hill: We were screening the movie and it was testing really well and the audience was responding really well to it. We were sitting around going, "The movie plays great. I wish there was one more thing to send people off with a great feeling." One last jab at ourselves, too. One more: "We suck."

# Placido Domingo to sing before World Cup fina

SAO PAULO (AP)—Placido Domingo will sing before a World Cup final for the sixth time, announcing Wednesday

neiro's HSBC Arena on July 11.

The concert featuring the 73-year-old classic musical star

he will perform at Rio de Ja- will take place two days before the final at Maracana Stadium. The show also is scheduled

soprano Ana Maria Martinez, conductor Eugene Kohn and the to include pianist Lang Lang,

Orquestra Sinfonica Brasileira. Domingo has attended every World Cup final since 1970 with the exception of 1978 in Argentina. He sang the 1982 theme song in Spain, "El Mundial." He said the program next month will include classical music and Brazilian songs. "I always think music and sport are the two great things many people can understand without any need to really speak the language," Domingo said in a telephone interview from Lonfrom all around the world, and they are really fanatics of soccer and music. It's great to see many of the people I know."

He joined Luciano Pavarotti and Jose Carreras at the Rome's Baths of Caracalla in 1990 to form The Three Tenors. They returned in 1994 at Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium, in 1998 at Paris' Champ de Mars and Eiffel Tower and in 2002 at Japan's Yokohama Arena.

Pavarotti retired from staged opera two years later and sang publicly for the last time at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. Before the 2006 World Cup final, Domingo was joined by soprano Anna Netrebko and tenor Rolando Villazon for a concert at Berlin's Waldbuehne.

Domingo remains active on opera stages, increasingly in baritone rather than tenor roles, and has been general director of the Los Angeles Opera since 2003.

He wasn't invited to sing before the 2010 World Cup final in Johannesburg, when he was in the middle of a run of Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra" at Covent Garden. He traveled to South Africa for the final between performances and celebrated with players from his native Spain after it beat the Netherlands 1-0 for its first world title.

Domingo hopes Spain repeats as champion.



In this June 7, 2013 file photo, tenor Placido Domingo performs at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los

#### Barbra Streisand visits Hill for heart disease

WASHINGTON (AP)—Barbra Streisand appealed Wednesday to lawmakers on Capitol Hill for more funding and research devoted to women and heart disease, calling it the No. 1 killer of women even as most research into the disease focuses on men.

"A woman's heart is different from a man's, yet women's hearts are under-researched, go untreated and are misdiagnosed," Streisand said in a statement. "Together, we can change that."

The Oscar, Emmy, Grammy and Tony winner, wearing all black and a long gold necklace, and two cardiologists spoke during a closed meeting with the House Bipartisan Women's Caucus. People packed the meeting room and applauded during the session. She also met with the Senate women's caucus and with other lawmakers.

In 2012, Streisand founded the Barbra Streisand Women's Heart Center at the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute in Los Angeles to help research the disease that kills more women than all forms of cancer combined.

Joining her on the Hill were cardiologists Dr. C. Noel Bairey

Merz, director of Streisand's Heart Center, and Dr. Holly S. Andersen, attending cardiologist and director of education and outreach at the Perelman Heart Institute at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

"The time is now," Streisand said in her statement. "We cannot let another year pass when another 400,000 of our fellow women die because these disparities aren't addressed."

The members she met with included Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

## Stevie J'feels great' to be home, denies charge

ATLANTA (AP)—An attorney for music producer Stevie J denies prosecutors' allegations that his client owes \$1 million in child support, and the reality star says he's happy to be home on bond.

don, where he is to conduct Puc-

cini's "Tosca" next week at The

Royal Opera. "I have friends

The star of VH1's "Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta," whose real name is Steven Jordan, was released on a \$25,000 bond Wednesday from the Fulton County Jail.

The Atlanta resident, who was ar-

rested Monday in Georgia on the New York charges, has been ordered to appear in court in the Southern District of New York.

Stevie J

"It feels great. I'm home with my wife," Jordan told The Associated Press shortly after his release, while his wife Joseline Hernandez sat next to him. "I'm just ready to get this behind me."

The 40-year-old Grammy winner has produced and written hits for Jay-Z, The Notorious B.I.G., Mariah Carey and Eve.

Federal prosecutors in New

York say in court documents that Jordan missed many child support payments for two children he had with a former girlfriend. The 17-yearold boy and 14-yearold girl currently live with their mother in Pennsylvania.

In 1999 while the children were infants, Jordan was ordered to pay nearly \$6,600 per month, the documents show. That amount increased to nearly \$8,600 in 2011.

Prosecutors say Jordan had the means to support the children. For example, they say he earned \$193,000 on the show

Morrissey cancels tour to recover from infection

music royalties in the first eight months of 2013.

"Steven Jordan failed to pay over \$1 million in child support even while earning substantial income from his participation in a reality television show," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said.

A message seeking comment wasn't immediately returned by an organization representing the former girlfriend.

The charge of failing to pay child support carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison.

Atlanta attorney Daniel Meachum, who is representing Jordan, said in a statement after Jordan's release that his client has been a great father, both emotionally and financially.

"We plan on proving that if there is an amount owed, it is definitely not a million dollars, nor anything close to that and another \$100,000 from amount," Meachum said.

#### Tony Awards cut 2 trophies, beginning next year

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The Tony Awards will have fewer trophies next year and Broadway's sound designers are the ones being dropped.

The Tony Awards Administration Committee met Wednesday to determine the eligibility rules for the 2014-2015 season, and cut the categories of Best Sound Design of a Play and Best Sound Design of a Musical. That drops to 25 the number of competitive Tonys next year.

The last winner of the musical sound design award was Brian Ronan of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," and his counterpart in the play

category was Steve Canyon Kennedy of "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill."

The committee did keep a door open to honor sound designers, saying a Special Tony Award may be given "when it determines that extraordinary sound design has been achieved."

NEW YORK (AP)—Morrissey has canceled the rest of his U.S. tour to recover from a respiratory infection that has worsened.

His representative said in a statement Tuesday the 55-yearold singer wants to make a full recovery and has to withdraw from the shows.

Morrissey kicked off his tour last month. The English singer played several dates before he contracted a respiratory infection in Miami. He was expected to wrap up the tour on June 21 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

The statement says the former Smiths frontman thanks his

fans "for their compassion, un-

derstanding, and well-wishes." Morrissey canceled a North American tour last year after suffering from double pneumonia, a bleeding ulcer and a gastrointestinal problem called Barrett's esophagus.

He will release a new album next month.

## Dad is eager to do everything right for his baby daughter

EAR ABBY: I'm a married father with a son 19 months a bath will scar her emotionally. In fact, the opposite is true. old, and a baby girl on the way. While I couldn't be more excited about my daughter's impending arrival, I'm unsure about whether there is a right time to stop doing things like changing a diaper or seeing my daughter unclothed because she's a girl and I'm not.

I come from a conservative family, but because this is a new experience for me, I'm not sure how to go about it. I know this dynamic changes when these roles are occupied by a mother and her son, and that a little boy is probably older by the time the transition occurs. I don't want to end up in a position where my wife or daughter regrets my involvement in some aspects of my daughter's life. Any thoughts?

EXPECTANT DAD IN NEW YORK

**DEAR EXPECTANT DAD: Fathers have become far more** involved in child-rearing in recent years than they were in generations past, and it's a wonderful thing. You should not be worried that changing your daughter's diapers or giving her Discuss this with your wife and your daughter's pediatrician, and I'm sure they will allay your fears.

As to when you should stop seeing your daughter unclothed, you have years before that may become necessary. As she becomes aware of her changing body, she will probably let you know, or her mother will. This is a cultural thing. Some families practice a naturist lifestyle without anyone being "damaged" by it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been working as a desk clerk at a motel in Montana for several years. With travel season here, I was hoping you could help your readers who find themselves on the road to avoid sleepless nights and headaches.

Several times a year many of the accommodations on the interstate can be fully booked due to weather or local events, and travelers are sometimes forced to drive several hundred miles to find a room for the night. You can help your readers by reminding them that they should start checking on motel occupancy

#### DEAR ABBY

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early in the day, or even the day before, if they know where they would like to stop for the night. That way, situations like this can be avoided, and they will have a more enjoyable and relaxing trip.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

DEAR ON THE ROAD: Thank you for the suggestion. Many of my readers take road trips during the summer months, and I hope they'll remember your letter before they start the ignition and head for the highways.

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# **Pastimes**

#### Calvin and Hobbes

#### By Bill Waterson

#### **Garfield®**

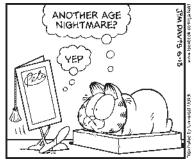
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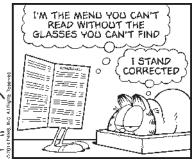












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By Bryan Basset

#### The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kat** 

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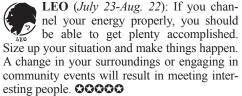
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Too much work and little compensation may lead to frustration, but if you remain composed and do the best job possible, an unexpected turn of events will result in great satisfaction. What you learn through observation will enhance your

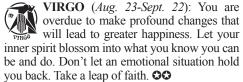


TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Greater involvement in educational pursuits, travel and rethinking your philosophies will help you gain perspective regarding your future plans. Changes at home will be rewarding if you follow your heart. Personal improvements will result in compliments and more confidence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Handle investments and money matters cautiously. Participate in social events that will help you make contact with peers or those who share your interests or concerns. A problem with a friend, relative or neighbor must not be allowed to escalate. OOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Partnerships should take top priority. Make plans to do something that will make those you love or enjoy spending time with happy. A change of plans must not throw you off course. Put love first and nurture the relationships that count. ���





LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do what needs to be done without relying on others to help. You'll be disappointed if you wait for someone else to make a move. Focus on what's important to you and take particularly good care of your health and emotional wellness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the initiative and start something you've wanted to do for some time. Reconnecting with old friends will help you get the momentum flowing. You will amaze people with

your insight and knowledge. Set aside time for romance. OOOO SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can get a lot done if you put a little muscle

behind your work today. A change may be based on an emotional situation, but once you make your mind up and take action, you will feel

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much better about your future. ���

**CAPRICORN** (*Dec.* 22-Jan. 19): Move forward cautiously. Be ready to counter any disruption that comes your way. Partnership problems are likely to surface. Avoiding the inevitable will only make matters worse. Do what works best for you and keep on moving. **QQQ** 

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check out your financial options. Recognize opportunities to save money rather than spending it the first chance you get. Embrace a challenge with open arms and you will be victorious. Networking will help you move in a new direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful not to overstep your boundaries when dealing with personal or professional partnerships. Give everyone around you space to do his or her own thing. Do something to enhance your standard of living. **QQ** 

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive, risky and resourceful. You are popular and progressive. Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ http://bit.lv/exhoro and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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| Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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# Darvish derails Miami bid for interleague record



pitched his first complete game in the majors and Choo Shinsoo broke a long hitless streak with a three-run double as the Texas Rangers denied Miami's bid for a record interleague winning streak, beating the Marlins 6-0 on Wednesday.

Darvish (7-2) struck out the side in the eighth to end a streak of one baserunner in each of the first seven innings for the Marlins. The Japanese ace finished his 73rd career start with his 10th strikeout, getting Garrett Jones swinging to complete a six-hitter.

The Marlins had to settle for tying the New York Yankees (2003-04) and Tampa Bay (2004) for the longest interleague winning streak at 13 games. It was Miami's first interleague loss since Aug. 12 at Kansas City.

Jacob Turner (2-4) was the loser.

#### Reds 5, Dodgers 0

In Cincinnati, Johnny Cueto matched his career high with 12 strikeouts in six innings, and Joey Votto and Jay Bruce—the missing core of Cincinnati's batting order much of the season-each drove in runs, leading the Reds past Los Angeles.

Cueto (6-5) followed his shortest start of the season with one of his most dominating. He gave up three singles and didn't walk a batter, leaving after his 112th pitch. Cueto lasted only five innings during an 8-0 loss to Philadelphia on Friday night.

Jonathan Broxton escaped a bases-loaded, one-out threat in the seventh by getting Hanley Ramirez to ground into a double play.

Votto doubled home a pair of runs off Hyun-Jin Ryu (7-3), who had won his last four starts.

#### Orioles 6, Red Sox O

In Baltimore, Chen Wei-yin allowed four hits over seven innings and Chris Davis homered as Baltimore beat struggling Boston at soggy Camden Yards.

Nick Hundley had two hits and an RBI for the Orioles, who yielded only one run in winning two of three from the defending World Series champions.

Chen (7-2) did not return after rain delayed the game for 1 hour, 38 minutes in the middle of the seventh. The Taiwanese lefthander had a season-high seven strikeouts, walked none and was aided by three double plays.

Rubby De La Rosa (1-2) needed only 15 pitches to dig himself and the Red Sox a 3-0 hole. Steve Pearce walked and scored on a double by Adam Jones before Davis went deep.

#### Rays 6, Cardinals 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Desmond Jennings had a two-run single in a four-run fourth inning as Tampa Bay Rays ended

a club-record 31-inning scoring drought in a victory over St. Louis.

Tampa Bay won for just the second time in 16 games after having been shut out in its previous three contests. The Rays had scored 35 runs over the previous 15 games.

Yadier Molina had two RBIs for the Cardinals, who entered with three consecutive shutout pitching performances. The Rays' big fourth inning came against Michael Wacha (4-5).

Juan Carlos Oviedo (2-2) went 1 1-3 inning for the win. Grant Balfour threw the final 2 1-3 innings for his 10th save.

#### Phillies 3, Padres O

In Philadelphia, Reid Brignac hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning to lift Philadelphia past San Diego, giving the Phillies consecutive victories for the first time since a three-game streak May 17-20.

Nick Vincent (0-2) walked Domonic Brown with one out and hit Carlos Ruiz. Brignac then sent a 2-0 pitch into the right-field seats for his first homer with the Phillies and his second walk-off hit in two

Starters Cole Hamels and Tyson Ross matched zeros, but didn't get decisions. Hamels struck out a season-high 11 and allowed five hits in eight shutout innings for the Phillies. Ross struck out seven in seven scoreless innings, giving up four hits. Jonathan Papelbon (2-1) tossed a scoreless ninth for the win.

#### Rockies 8, Braves 2

In Denver, Tyler Matzek allowed just two hits for the first seven innings of his major league debut before faltering in the eighth, as Colorado beat

The left-hander retired the first 13 hitters and 21 of 23 before allowing three straight singles to start the eighth. He's the third Colorado pitcher in the last six days to make his debut.

Matzek (1-0) allowed two runs on five hits and struck out seven in seven-plus innings. He also had his first hit and first run. The Rockies had lost 11 of 12.

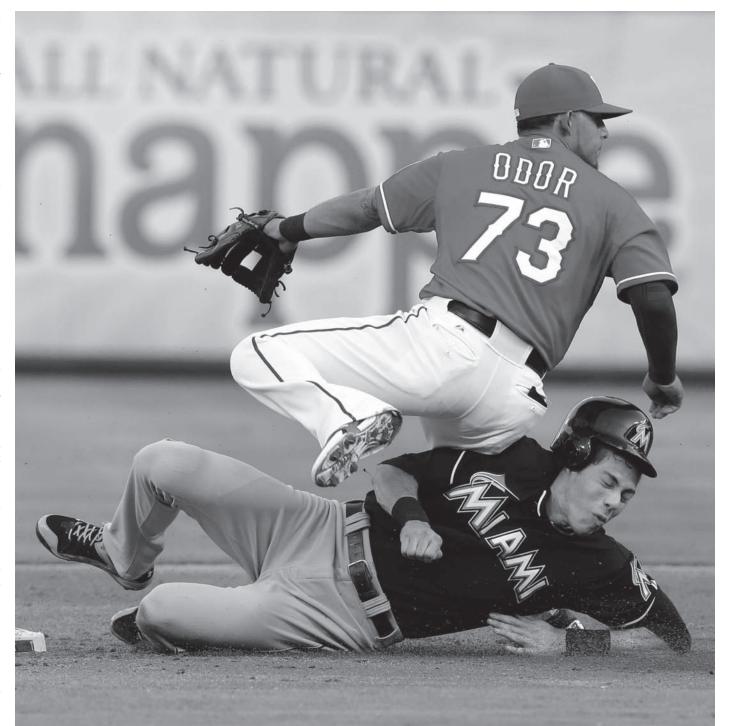
Julio Teheran (6-4) entered Wednesday with a 1.89 ERA, best in the majors, but Colorado scored three in the first on Drew Stubbs' RBI double and Corey Dickerson's two-run triple.

#### White Sox 8, Tigers 2

In Chicago, Jose Abreu hit an early homer off Justin Verlander, then singled to start a sevenrun burst in the sixth inning that sent John Danks and Chicago past Detroit.

Abreu went 3 for 4 with a walk and scored twice. The Cuban rookie has 19 home runs and 50 RBIs this season.

Danks (5-5) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings to continue his recent turnaround. He has permitted just five runs



Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor (73) lands on Miami Marlins Christian Yelich at second base turning a double play during the third inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Wednesday, June 11, 2014. Marlins Ed Lucas was out at first.

four starts

Verlander (6-6) gave up seven runs and eight hits in 5 2-3

#### Brewers 3, Mets 1

In New York, Jonathan Lucroy had three hits and Wilv Peralta pitched into the seventh inning to send Milwaukee past slumping New York.

Lucroy doubled twice and drove in a run, raising his batting average to .341. Carlos Gomez and Jean Segura each had an RBI as the NL Central leaders wore down Jacob deGrom (0-3).

Peralta (6-5) used a 96-98 mph fastball and nasty slider to hold the punchless Mets to four hits in 6 1-3 innings. New York lost for the seventh time in eight games.

#### Twins 7, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Josh Willingham hit a two-run home run as Minnesota's Phil Hughes struck out a season-high nine to win in Toronto for the first time in almost three years.

Kendrys Morales had three of Minnesota's season-high 16 hits to help the Twins improve to 5-2 against Toronto. Morales is 6 for 13 with three RBIs since

in 29 1-3 innings over his last making his Twins debut Mon-

Hughes (7-2) allowed seven hits and walked none in seven shutout innings for his first win at Rogers Centre since July 17, 2011, when he played for the New York Yankees. He's 7-1 with a 2.27 ERA in his past 10

Marcus Stroman (3-1) was the loser.

#### Astros 5, Diamondbacks 1

In Houston, Chris Carter homered twice and Dallas Keuchel pitched eight strong innings for Houston.

Keuchel (8-3) won for the sixth time in seven starts. He allowed four hits and a run, striking out five and lowering his ERA to 2.38.

Carter's first solo home run made it 3-1 in the fourth inning. and he added an opposite-field shot in the seventh. It was the fifth career multihomer game for Carter and second this year.

Brandon McCarthy (1-9) allowed eight hits and four runs in six-plus innings to remain winless since May 3.

Aaron Hill homered in the fourth for Arizona's only extrabase hit.

#### Pirates 4, Cubs 2

In Pittsburgh, Andrew Mc-Cutchen homered and reached base four times to help Pittsburgh beat Chicago.

Pittsburgh pounded Jason Hammel (6-4) for 11 hits in five innings, snapping his streaks of 14 1-3 innings without allowing a run and 52 innings without allowing a homer when Mc-Cutchen hit his 10th in the first.

Brandon Cumpton (2-2) pitched five effective innings for the Pirates.

The first pitch was delayed 1 hour, 38 minutes because of a thunderstorm.

#### Royals 4, Indians 1

In Kansas City, Missouri, Yordano Ventura dominated Cleveland for seven innings as Kansas City scored all of its runs on sacrifice flies.

The four sacrifice flies tied a franchise record, and the Royals became only the second team to score four runs all on sacrifice flies since it became an official stat in 1954. The Montreal Expos did it in an 8-4, 14-inning loss to the Chicago Cubs on May 28, 1980, according to

Ventura (4-5) allowed six hits while striking out three without a walk to win back-to-back starts for the first time. Trevor Bauer (1-3) took the loss.

Kansas City has won four straight.

#### Yankees 4, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Masahiro Tanaka struck out 11 and became the second pitcher in the majors with 10 wins, throwing a complete game for New York.

Tanaka (10-1) won his fourth straight start. He was two outs away from his second shutout before giving up a two-run homer to Robinson Cano in the

Tanaka allowed six hits and walked one. He tied for the wins lead with Toronto's Mark Buehrle, who is 10-2.

New York's Jacoby Ellsbury extended his hitting streak to 15 games with an RBI single in the

Two innings later, with Seattle starter Chris Young (5-4) struggling, Mark Teixeira hit a threerun homer that barely cleared the wall in right-center field. The game-breaking shot was Teixeira's 11th homer of the season.

# Heat turn to the tape to make fixes before Game 4



MIAMI (AP)— LeBron James has learned an important lesson during his journey from 19-year-old rookie to two-time NBA champion: Never talk back to the coach during a film session.

"Let him make his point, whether he's right or wrong, and you live with it and move on," James said.

Especially when the coach has as much to show his players as Erik Spoelstra did to James and the Miami Heat on Wednesday.

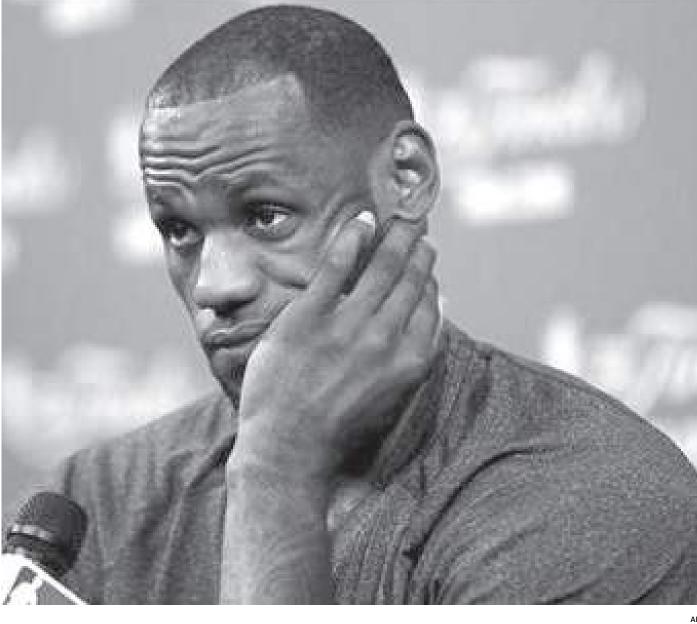
Miami's defense didn't offer much resistance early in Game 3 of the NBA Finals; the San Antonio Spurs played like they were on the court by themselves. San Antonio made 19 of its first 21 shots and shot a finals-record 75.8 percent in the first half of a 111-92 victory.

Just like last year, Game 3 was a blowout that left the Heat facing a 2-1 deficit. Miami came back to win the series, so nobody was overreacting to what happened Tuesday, especially since the Spurs themselves don't expect to shoot that way again. But the Heat have things to clean up before Game 4 on Thursday, or they risk going back to San Antonio facing the end of their title

"You're always on edge in the postseason, but I don't want to be concerned at this point," James said. "For us, we have to make the adjustments."

The Spurs had the same lead last year after a 113-77 victory in Game 3, a start-to-finish beating that was even more thorough than Tuesday's win. So they were taking no satisfaction in their position, and certainly not comparing it.

"I don't think about last year at all at this point," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I don't think about last year Game 3, Game 4, at all. This is a different animal and I'm



Miami Heat's LeBron James listens to a question during an NBA basketball media availability at the NBA Finals, Wednesday, June 11, 2014, in

just concerned about the game tomorrow night."

The bigger concerns belong to the Heat, whose defense was also sliced up by the Spurs in the fourth quarter of Game 1. So Spoelstra gathered his team to look at the painful tape of Tuesday's performance, which featured among its problems:

- Chris Bosh getting only four shot attempts after scoring 18 points in Games 1 and 2.
- James trying to do too much to rally the Heat and ending up with seven of their 20 turnovers.
  - Mario Chalmers missing

all five shots and falling to 3 for 12 in the finals.

"We did not play a good basketball game," Spoelstra said. "All of us have owned that. It doesn't matter ultimately how many you lose by or what the game is like. You have to learn from it, move on."

Spoelstra said watching themselves get clobbered on tape was "painful" and "frustrating," but necessary. He wouldn't reveal what he told his players, but whatever it was, James wouldn't have argued. That's a lesson he said he learned "quite a few years ago, when you realize that it wouldn't change anything."

"You know, the coach is always right," James added. "It's like a teacher. They're always right, and that's fine. That's fair. They make the rules and we've got to live by them."

Spoelstra's process suits the Heat, who have won 13 straight postseason games following a loss. They followed last year's Game 3 no-show with a rout of their own to swing the series back in their favor, and are confident they can make corrections before Thursday.

But the Spurs, who didn't think they played that well in the first two games, have shown that not even the respected Miami defense can stop them when they execute the way they did Tuesday.

"We finally put a game together for not the full 48, but for as long as we could, where we did exactly what we planned to do and executed in that respect," Tim Duncan said, "and that's what we're going to need

No team has overcome a 3-1 deficit in the NBA Finals, and a victory Thursday would guarantee the Spurs two chances to win the series on their home floor, starting with Game 5 on Sunday. Dwyane Wade said the Heat aren't thinking that far ahead.

"We're an in-the-moment team," he said. "And right now in the moment is the day after a loss, getting better mentally, physically and then coming into tomorrow and playing the game of basketball here on our home floor and trying to win Game 4. That is all we focus on."

#### Emon Lodge Masters caging meeting today

Teams, coaches, and players interested in competing in the 2014 Emon Lodge Masters Basketball League (40A) are requested to attend a meeting tonight at 6pm at SandJuvy Restaurant across Downtown Market in Oleai.

League organizers are srtill accepting teams for the 40-andabove competition and so far seven teams have expressed interest in join the contest. The list includes Pacific Islands Club, Bluehaus, Tan Holdings, MDX, Mason, San Antonio, and Shirleys' Coffee Shop. League officials are still waiting for confirmation from I Love Saipan and three more teams.

Entrance fee is \$500, while games will be played at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium every Tuesday Thursday, and Saturday with the first match set for 6:30pm and the second at 8pm.

For more inquiries, contact Bong Malasarte at 287-5525, Peter Crisostomo at 483-2356, or Abner Venus at 888-3215.

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Freddy Jerson and Ziegler, 6-0, 6-2.

Ishikawa also took only two sets to top Guam's Kanasta Abrams and Victoria Smith, 6-0, 6-2, while Sakano and Tsukagoshi cruised past Anika Sachdev and Joclyn Tenai, 6-0, 6-1.

Bruyne, who scored the most goals (four) for Belgium in the qualifying. Also on the list are promising and young goalie Courtois Thibaut (Atletico Mirallas Madrid), Kevin Dembélé (Everton), Moussa (Tottenham), and Premier League's Thomas Vermaelen, and Marouane Fellaini, and Jan Vertongen.

of Belgium's Majority players are in their mid 20s and those fresh legs allowed the Red Devils to play a fastpaced game and become no pushovers on defense as they can hold their ground in a physical match.

Among the four teams in Group H, Belgium has the most World Cup appearances with 11 so that's also a plus factor

for the team. Russia is second with 10, South Korea has nine while Algeria has four. The Red Devils are also the highest rank in the group at No. 11 and were once at No. 4 during the qualifying, while the Russians are at No. 18. Algeria is ranked at No. 25, way ahead of South Korea (No. 55).

Russia is favored to join Belgium in the Round of 16 with the arrival of former England coach Fabio Capello. Capello will be pinning his hopes on forward Alexander Kokorin (Dynamo Moscow), who played outstanding games during the qualifier. The Russians missed the last two editions of the World Cup and are out to regain respect from fellow Euro teams in Brazil.

South Korea and Algeria are the outsiders in Group H with its inconsistent showing

the qualifying. The Taeguk Warriors made frequent changes in their rosters and coaches before settling for Hong Myung-Bo, the captain of the South Korean team that finished fourth in 2002. Hong will be relying on Son Heung Min and Ji Dongwon to turn things around the Taeguk Warriors.

Algeria was the last African team to qualify for the World Cup, nearly missing a Brazil trip after suffering a 2-3 loss to Burkina Faso before bouncing back

at home, 1-0. Madjid Bougherra scored the winning goal fir Algeria against Burkina Faso and he will lead the team



anew in Brazil and hopes to get help from midfielders Sofiane Feghouli and Medhi Lacen.

#### CNMI

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Guam. Ramsey entered the quarterfinals after a runner-up finish in Pool B, earning a 3-1 mark against the perfect 4-0 slate of former CNMI player Christopher Cajigan, Cajigan, who is now representing Guam is also in the semis and will duel compatriot Sydney Gadsden.

Meanwhile, doubles games kicked off yesterday with the CNMI Team emerging victorious.

In the girls U12, Kaga and Miyawaki went 2-0 after beating Isabel Garcia and Anne Skilling, 6-0, 6-0, and Raulerson and Warren, 7-5, 6-4. Raulerson and Warren were 1-1 in the doubles yesterday as they prevailed over FSM's Chelsea Panuelo and

Ridianne Wolphagen, 6-1, 6-1.

In the boys U12, Schorr and Song were perfect after two games, downing Abrams and Leng, 6-2, 7-5, and FSM's Palau's

In the girls U14, Tan and

The CNMI got two more wins in the boys doubles events. Haruya Eda and Rai teamed up in the U14 division and defeated Guam's Marcus Schrader and Arya Rhamani, 6-2, 2-6, 13-11, while Lizama partnered with Ramsey in topping FSM's Geryld Etscheit and Jake Panuelo in the U16 age group, 6-0, 6-2.

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# Choi, Galvez stretch streak in IT&E badminton tourney

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Hannah Choi Andrew and Galvez made it four in a row af-

ter winning the women's singles A division of the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Choi, who defeated Angie Ito (2011 and 2012) and Jen Savellano (2013) in the last three division championship games, kept her reign in the annual tournament after sweeping Janelle Pangilinan in the finals, 21-16, 21-18. Joining Choi and Pangilinan in the Top 3 was Havikka Farro, who outclassed Lanie Bartolome in the consolation match last Friday, 21-16, 21-23, 21-13.

In the men's A singles, Galvez asserted his mastery over Ferdie Arago after notching a 21-14, 21-16 victory in last Saturday's finale. It was Galvez's third straight finals win against Arago, having beaten the latter in the 2012 and 2013 title matches. Galvez's first championship in the IT&E-sponsored tournament came in 2011 when he topped Dick Guintu. Completing the Top 3 of the men's singles A was Glenn Bluutjens, who defeated Ezekiel Macario, 21-12 23-21.

After missing the podium in the men's singles A, Macario triumphed in Class B, following a three-game victory over



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Hannah Choi returns to Lanie Bartolome during a mixed doubles A game in the IT&E badminton tournament early this month at the TSL Sports Complex. Choi, who partnered with Glenn Bluutjens, won the women's singles A title last Saturday.

Deether Edralin, 14-21, 21-8, 21-16. In the third place match, Joel Ortega needed only two games to prevail against Kelvin You, 21-14, 24-22.

Patrick Fernandez also took the short route to the Promised Land in the men's singles C after outclassing Raphael Zapanta in two games, 21-19, 21-16. A.J. Ortega duplicated Fernandez's straight game win after downing

Jeremy Montenejo in the consolation match, 21-13, 21-17.

In other results, Toshiko Obata reclaimed the Class B tiara, while Nicole Malasarte clinched her first Class C crown in the IT&E tournament.

Obata, who lost to Pangilinan in last year's finals, came out the winner this time, slipping past Windy Fernandez in the Saturday title game, 21-18, 22-10. In

the Class C finals, Malasarte, who lost in the semis to eventual Roxe Lazaro, 21-17, 21-14.

champion Diane Francisco last season, redeemed herself this year with a 20-10, 21-10 spanking of Mykki Caracut. Malasarte also made it to the podium in the Class B, as she edged Loida Ito in the third place match, 21-15, 21-16. In Class C's consolation tiff, Patricia Abantao won over

# Shirley's FC notches twin wins

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Shirley's Football Club earned backto-back victo-

ries this week in the 2014 NMI-FA Women's League.

Shirley's FC started its pair of wins with a 5-0 demolition of Matansa Football Club last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Jeraldine Castillo and Grabrielle Race registered two goals each in Shirley's dominance of Matansa, while Kiana Atalig scored the other one and also the first in the match as she hit her target in the 20th minute. Race made the next two (28th and 52nd minute), while Castillo closed out for Shirley's with two straight goals (76th and 81st minute).

Castillo also recorded two goals in Shirley's FC's 3-2 win over MP United in a make-up game last Monday night, while Negahr Rastguiy drilled the other one. Michelle Kautz and Karleen Reyes posted one goal each for MP United with the former lighting up the scoreboard first with her conversion in the sixth



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Shirley's FC's Gabrielle Race eludes two Matansa FC defenders during the first half of their game in the NMIFA women's league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

minute. Castillo then equalized in the 18th minute before and Shirley's FC managed to steal the upper hand off Negahr Rastguiy's goal in three minutes into the second half. Castillo made it a 3-1 advantage with her second goal in the 52nd minute, while MP United moved within one a minute later off Reves's shot, but Shirley's FC hung on to

keep the win.

In other results last Saturday, Kanoa FC, Independents FC, and MP United shut out their respective foes.

Melody Johnson notched a hat-trick to lift MP United to a 3-0 victory over Tan Holdings FC. Johnson begin her string of goals in the 17th minute and her last two goals were posted in the

36th and 47th minute.

Kanoa FC also beat Tan Holdings FC with Jeralyn Castillo scoring the lone goal in the match, while Independents FC edged Paire FC.

Meanwhile, the squads bagged easy wins in the M-League last Sunday also at the Oleai pitch.

In the first match, Inter Godfather's whipped Matansa, 5-0. Jin Seok Se gave Inter Godfather's two goals, while Ropati Tonu'u, Peter Houk, and Arkie Reusora contributed one each.

In the second game, Paire cruised past Kanoa, 4-1. Tosh Nicholas had a pair for Paire, while Joel Fruit and Jake Lee chipped in one apiece. Kautong Omengkar scored the only goal for Kanoa. The victory over Kanoa came four days after Paire stunned Tan Holdings FC, 3-2. Robert Green connected the go-ahead goal for Paire in the 41st minute, while Tosh scored the first two. Sean Perez and Russell Zapanta had one goal each for Tan Hold-

In the third game last Sunday, Wild Bill's got a free win via forfeiture against MP United.

# Flip Top, I Love Saipan enter semis

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Fliptop and I Love Saipan booked the two

semis tickets in the 2014 DLX/ IT&E Invitational Basketball League after prevailing in the rain-delayed playoff matches last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

the lead to a hair, 47-48. Genesis Mamaril started Flip Top's string of points with a triple, while Donald Hockett nailed two straight baskets for their 55-47 advantage

Saipan Ice fought back and managed to slice the deficit to 4 twice with the last one at the 57-61, after Jerome Norita knocked in a triple after a couple of helter-skelter plays, going into the



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Flip Top's Won Joo Jung drives against Saipan Ice defenders during the second quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

I Love Saipan routed Hite, 75-56, in the first game that started past 7pm because of wet court, while Flip Top edged Saipan Ice in the nightcap, 63-59, to join Ali'i and Gwap Gang in the round-robin semifinals.

The last two semifinalists eliminated their respective foes after playing steady basketball in the fourth quarter.

I Love Saipan went on a 14-0 tear in the last 2:24 of the game to turn a close match to a double-digit winning margin. Hite was still in the thick of the fight when Zack Diaz made a putback, 56-61, but that also served as the team's last basket, while I Love Saipan went for the jugular with Ben Pelisamen leading the charge.

Pelisamen hit back-to-back baskets, a double-clutch shot in the paint and a running jumper, to widen the gap, 65-56, entering the final two minutes. Time pressured, Hite tried to retaliate with quick triples, but missed all four of them, while I Love Saipan kept going and still had the last say with Pelisamen canning a triple with five seconds left on the match.

In the second game, Flip Top went for a 7-0 blast in the first three minutes of the fourth canto to gain more cushion after Saipan Ice threatened at the end of the third period, cutting

last 43. 2 seconds of the match. Saipan Ice had a chance to move closer after a Flip Top error, however Chen Zhe had butterfingers and lost possession from the backcourt. Melvin Cadiang picked up the loose ball and fed Quitugua to the left wing for the banked shot and Flip Top's 63-57 lead.

Saipan Ice refused to give up and got a quick basket from Derrick Rangamar. However, the team lost precious seconds, as it failed to commit preemptive fouls, while Flip Top spread the floor well to avoid contact as time expired.

#### **First Game**

I Love Saipan 75 - Pelisamen 20. M. Olaitiman 14. Capalad 11, Sharry 7, Ro. Olopai 5, Ra. Olopai 4, Ruluked 4.

Hite 56 - Lauron 18, T. Montes 11, A. Montes 6, Z. Diaz 6, J. Diaz 6, Babauta 4, Tenorio 3, Manglona 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-16, 31-31, 49-43, 75-56.

#### **Second Game**

Flip Top 63 – Quitugua 13, Cadiang 9, Toribio 8, Hockett 8, Barbp 6, Vidal 5, Mamaril 3, Sablan 2, Jung 2.

Saipan Ice 59 – Norita 23, Sablan 11, Rangamar 10, Palacios 5, Mendiola 4, Cheng 3, Pena 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-13, 31-30, 48-47, 63-59.





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# CNMI zeroes in on U12, U14 titles



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he CNMI Junior Tennis Team is assured of two title wins in the 2014 North Pacific Regional Championships at the conclusion of yesterday's semis games in the girls U12 and U14 singles events at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center.

In the U12 singles, Malika Miyawaki beat teamed Asia Raulerson in the semis, 6-0, 6-1, to arrange a finals duel against Conatsu Kaga, who also swept fellow CNMI bet Jireh Warren, 6-0, 6-1. The All-CNMI semifinals took place after Miyawaki and Warren had

a Top 2 finish in Group A with their 3-0 and 2-1, records, respectively. Kaga was also undefeated (4-0) to place first in Group B, while Raulerson was second with her 3-1 slate.

The girls U14 semis round was also an all-CNMI affair with Julia Ishikawa advancing against Ami Tsukagoshi and Tania Tan versus Mimi Sakano. Ishikawa coasted past Tsukagoshi, 6-1, 6-3, to set a finals date against Tan, a 6-0, 6-0 winner over Sakano.

Both title matches in the girls U14 and U12 singles will be played this weekend.

In other results, the three Commonwealth players entered in the boys U12 singles all marched into the semifinals. Top-ranked Robbie Schorr continued to live up to his lofty billing after dominating Palau's Elijah Ziegler, 6-0, 6-1. Schorr's semis foe in the upper bracket of the draw is teammate Aditya Rai, who ousted Guam's Justin Kim, 6-2, 6-2.

In the lower bracket semis, the CNMI's Ken Song will challenge Guam's Andrew Leng. Song barged into Final Four after a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Guam Aaron Abrams, while Leng won over Moses Segal, 6-0, 6-1. Song and Rai advanced to the playoffs after a

1-2 finish in Pool B, holding 4-0 and 3-1 records, respectively, while Schorr lorded it over in Pool A with his flawless 5-0 slate.

In the boys U14, the second-ranked Luther Lizama also qualified in the semifinals after a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Guam's Gabriel Tan. Lizama, who was unbeaten in five games in pool play, will face another Guam bet in Mason Caldwell in the semifinals today. The other semis pairing will have Guam's Camden Camacho meeting Federated State of Micronesia's William Joab. Camacho swept Abraham Sterkis in the quarterfinals, 6-1, 6-0, while Joab edged fellow FSM bet Samuel Nillasca, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

In the boys U16 singles, Colin Ramsey had a free semis entry after winning via walkover against Guam's Derek Okuhama. Ramsey will be pitted against the second-ranked Brian Tuncap Jr. of

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# Belgium best bet in Group H

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Putting your money on Belgium could be a good gamble, as the Red Devils are the favorites to top Group H.

Belgium is the preferred picked against Russia, South Korea, and Algeria for its impressive record in the World Cup 2014 qualifying and youthful and talent-laden roster. Belgium never lost in the qualifying, winning seven straight games, including one against the tough Portugal and finished the pre-World Cup tournament with an 8-2-0 windraw-loss record.

As for its lineup, a bunch of Belgium players are plying their trade in European leagues. Among them are midfielders Romelu Lukaku of Everton and Wolfsburg's Kevin De

